



Daily



Bulletin

Boston MA

81st Fall North American Bridge Championships

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Meckstroth 'still learning' after all these years

Early in the second final session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs at the Fall NABC in Boston, Jeff Meckstroth found himself in 3♦ doubled. He could have made the contract, but a less-than-optimum play left him two down. It was a top to bottom swing – minus 300 was indeed a zero – and Meckstroth was annoyed with himself for the error.

You don't achieve Meckstroth's status in the bridge world, however, by dwelling on mistakes, especially in the middle of a game.



Jeff Meckstroth with fiancé Sally Chapleau and son Matt.

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Teenagers win National 99er Pairs

A pair of high school seniors from Virginia posted two strong sessions in Friday's National 99er Pairs to comfortably win the contest, which is restricted to players with fewer than 100 masterpoints.

Stephen Drodge of McLean VA and Andrew Rodriguez of Annandale VA are seniors at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

The classmates scored 66.29% in the morning game and followed up with a 61.74% in the afternoon.



National 99er champs Stephen Drodge and Andrew Rodriguez.

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Lynch leads N.A. Swiss qualifiers

The team captained by Carolyn Lynch led the field of 120 teams in the opening round of the Keohane North American Swiss Teams. Lynch, playing with Mike Passell, Curtis Cheek, Joe Grue, Eddie Wold and Bart Bramley, scored 122 victory points in the qualifying round, just ahead of Robert Hampton's team, which posted 115 victory points. Hampton's lineup is Gavin Wolpert, John Hurd, Joel Wooldridge, Ron Pachtmann and Eldad Ginossar.

Fifty-six teams will play in today's semifinal round.

Mahaffey has slim lead in Reisinger

The team captained by Jim Mahaffey took a half-board lead after two qualifying sessions in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. Mahaffey is playing with Gunnar Hallberg, Peter Bertheau, Fredrik Nystrom, Fu Zhong and Zhao Jie.

Their score over two sessions was 33 on an average of 26. That put them one-half board ahead of the Roy Welland team (Brian Glubok, Steve Garner, Howard Weinstein, Billy Cohen and Ron Smith).

Last year's winners, captained by James Cayne, did not make the cut, falling one-half board short of the 28th and final spot.

Last year's Reisinger runners-up (the Aubrey Strul team) were tied for third-fifth, only one board behind the leaders.

Saturday's two semifinal sessions will trim the field to 14 teams for the two final sessions on Sunday.

Brush stroke of genius

Dianne Koch of Waltham MA is the artist who created the playful turkey logo for the Boston NABC. She was commissioned by the tournament committee to perform this task, and was compensated with free plays for her creative work. Koch was thrilled to learn that she had been selected, and her artistry is so good that she has been tapped to light up many other local bridge events with her artwork.



The NABC Publicity committee turned to her to capture the spirit of New England for the State Days that have been held throughout the tournament. The colorful signs and banners that have been on display in both the Westin and the Marriott, promoting State Day activities, are all Koch's work.

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Goodwill message

Here's a reminder that the preferred way to call a tournament director is to raise your hand and say, "Director, please."

Keep your hand up, also, so the director will know where to find you.

Aileen Osofsky, Chairman
National Goodwill Committee



SPECIAL EVENTS

MEETINGS / SEMINARS / RECEPTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 29
 10:30 a.m. - Noon **Understanding Changes in the Laws seminar.** Club managers and directors are invited to join ACBL National Director Rick Beye and the ACBL staff for an overview of the recent changes in the 2008 Laws of Duplicate Bridge. A question-and-answer session will be included. *Room: Marriott, Regis.*

Sunday, Nov. 30
 1 - 6:30 p.m. **Vugraph.** *Room: TBA.*
 8 p.m. til **Vugraph.** *Room: TBA.*

CELEBRITY SPEAKER PROGRAM

Saturday, Nov. 29
 9:15 a.m. Jim Priebe *Matchpoint Defense*
 6:45 p.m. Jeff Roman *The Difference Between Pairs and Teams*

LATE NIGHT

Late-night food will be served following the evening sessions on the fourth floors of both the Marriott and the Westin.

Saturday, Nov. 29

Chili

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Right on the money

This deal from the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs gave a lot of pairs fits, although some landed on their feet. Steve Robinson and Peter Boyd bid exceptionally well to earn a fine score.

Dlr: East	♠ 7 6 5 3		
Vul: Both	♥ 10 6 4 3		
	♦ 10 6 2		
	♣ 8 6		
♠ Q 8 2		♠ J 4	
♥ A 2		♥ K Q 9 7	
♦ A K		♦ Q J 7 4	
♣ K Q 9 7 3 2		♣ A J 5	
	♠ A K 10 9		
	♥ J 8 5		
	♦ 9 8 5 3		
	♣ 10 4		

Many pairs landed in 6NT by East, doubled by South. Some Wests, knowing what the double was based on, ran to 7♣. When North did not find the spade lead, West took 13 tricks, a few of them doubled.

Boyd and Robinson took advantage of an opponent's interference to land in just the right spot.

West	North	East	South
Robinson		Boyd	
		1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♦ (1)	Pass	4♠ (2)	Dbl
Pass (3)	Pass	5♣ (4)	Pass
5NT	All Pass		

- (1) Roman Key Card Blackwood for clubs.
- (2) One key card.
- (3) Do you have a spade control?
- (4) No.

South could do no more than take the top two spades, so Boyd and Robinson finished with plus 660, good for 20.5 out of 25 matchpoints.



The puzzles you have enjoyed all week were composed by this friendly-looking fellow by the name of Derrick Niederman of Needham MA. If you see him around, say thanks.



Attendance
through Friday evening
9478 tables

Smoke screen

Jim Gordon of South Burlington VT showed a deceptive side that paid off handsomely on this deal from a knockout teams.

Dlr: South	♠ K 6 2		
Vul: None	♥ 8 7 4		
	♦ K J 6 3		
	♣ Q 6 4		
♠ Q 9 7 4		♠ 10 8 5 3	
♥ A Q 6 3		♥ K 10 5	
♦ A 10 9 4		♦ 7	
♣ 7		♣ 10 9 8 5 2	
	♠ A J		
	♥ J 9 2		
	♦ Q 8 5 2		
	♣ A K J 3		

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1NT
2♦ (1)	3NT	All Pass	
(1) Majors.			

There would be no story had West started with a low heart, but the opening thrust was a low spade. Gordon, South, played low from dummy. When East contributed the 10, Gordon won with the ace!

He then played a diamond to the king and a diamond to his queen. West won the ace and continued the assault on spades, convinced by Gordon's deception at trick one that East held the ♠J. When Gordon produced that card, he was able to cash out for nine tricks. Had Gordon won the ♠J at trick one, of course, West would have seen no hope for more tricks in spades and almost surely would have switched to a heart, dooming the contract.

Put 'em out

Smoking is not permitted in either of the host hotels at the Boston NABC. This is not only a matter of Marriott and Westin policy, but also of ACBL regulation.



Players found smoking (even in stairwells and emergency exits) near any of the playing areas are subject to scoring penalties.

If you want to smoke, please step outside.

A Deep Finesse classic

By Paul Lavings, Sydney, Australia

Double-dummy aficionados will appreciate this deal from the first qualifying session of the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams.

	♠ K 10 9 7 2	
	♥ —	
	♦ A Q 10 4	
	♣ Q 7 4 2	
♠ 6 5 4		♠ —
♥ A 9 7 5 4		♥ Q 10 8 6 3
♦ 7		♦ J 5 3 2
♣ K J 10 5		♣ A 8 6 3
	♠ A Q J 8 3	
	♥ K J 2	
	♦ K 9 8 6	
	♣ 9	

South plays in 4♠ and West leads the ♦7. Declarer cannot ruff all three hearts in dummy without suffering a diamond ruff, but Deep Finesse insists you can make 12 tricks. Here's how:

Draw three rounds of trumps and cash all your diamonds, leaving this six-card ending.

	♠ K 10	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ Q 7 4 2	
♠ —		♠ —
♥ A 9 7		♥ Q 10 8
♦ —		♦ —
♣ K J 10		♣ A 8 6
	♠ A Q	
	♥ K J 2	
	♦ —	
	♣ 9	

Both defenders must keep three hearts, so neither can hold more than three clubs.

Now declarer exits with a club. Neither opponent can broach hearts, so the defense must continue clubs, in effect giving declarer an extra entry to ruff clubs, setting up the queen after two ruffs.

Child Care

Child care is available daily from noon to 5 pm and 7 pm to midnight.

For more information, contact Donna Compton at the Westin, Room 1527.

Daily Bridge Puzzle

Composed by Derrick Niederman.

Solution on page 6.

It's Reisinger time, so alongside the toughest board-a-match event of all, we present the toughest board-a-match puzzle of all. Good luck!

When the two top finishers in the board-a-match event compared their scoresheets, they were stunned to find out that neither team had halved any boards, so that each scoresheet was a sequence of 0s and 1s – a number in base two arithmetic! Not only that, upon converting into base 10, the number represented by team A's score sheet was precisely 64 more than the number represented by team B's score sheet.

Assuming that there were three boards per round and every team played every other team, who won the event?

Entry fees

Players must be ACBL members whose service fees or dues are current in order to compete in any of the following nationally ranked events: Nail Life Master Open Pairs, Smith Life Master Women's Pairs, Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, Keohane North American Swiss Teams, Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs, Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams, Marsha May Sternberg Women's Board-a-Match Teams and the Senior Knockouts. The entry fees for these contests are \$18 per player per session.

Players must also be current ACBL members to play in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, Miles Non-Life Master Pairs or National 99er Pairs. The entry fee is **\$16.50** per player per session.

Regional championships are **\$15.50** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$17.50** for non-members.

All other events are **\$14.50** per player per session for ACBL members, **\$16.50** for non-members.



Understanding Changes in the Laws

Club Managers and Directors are invited to join ACBL staff for an overview of the recent changes in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2008. Q & A period included.

Location: Marriott Copley — Regis Room

Time: 10:30 a.m. — Noon

Fee: FREE



JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS

Bruce's top ten tips, part 2

By Bruce Greenspan

We continue what was started in yesterday's Daily Bulletin.

6. You hold:

♠ A Q 8 7 6
♥ A J 6
♦ A 5 4
♣ K 6

Your right-hand opponent opens 2♠ (weak). What do you bid?

7. You hold:

♠ K J 8 7 6
♥ 6
♦ K 9 8 7 6
♣ 6 4

Partner opens 1♥ and you respond 1♠. Now partner rebids 2♣ (at least, that is what my partner always rebids when I hold this hand). Now what?

8. You are dealer. What is your bid?

♠ 8 2
♥ K 3 2
♦ A Q 6 5 3
♣ A Q 3

9. RHO opens 3NT, "gambling." This means he holds a solid seven-card minor (AKQJxxx) and no outside ace or king. The auction is passed out. What do you lead holding

♠ A 6 5
♥ K Q J 6 5
♦ 9 8 7 6
♣ 6

10. RHO opens 1♠ and his partner responds 1NT. RHO bids 2♣, which is passed out. What is your lead with this hand?

♠ 6 5 3
♥ K Q 8 7
♦ K Q 5
♣ K 6 5

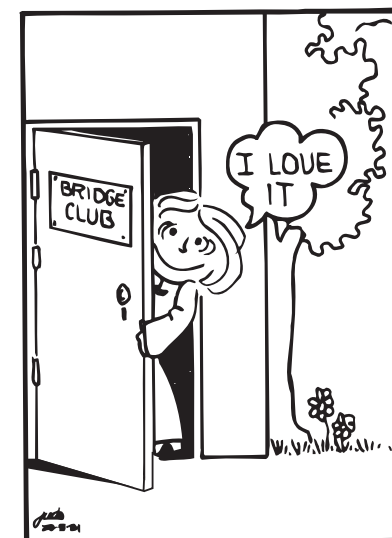
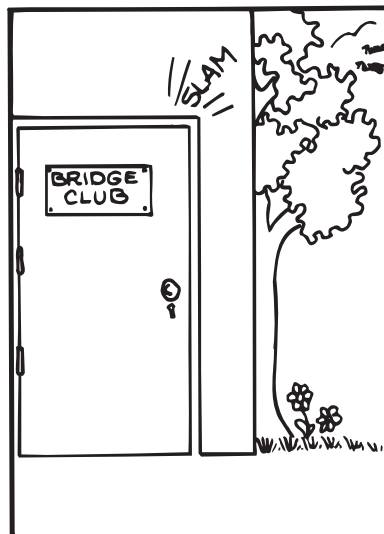


Answers

6. *Pass!* When you have defense, play defense. How many tricks is this hand worth on offense? It may be worth five tricks, but on defense it's a monster. The trick is to pass in tempo without drooling. If partner doubles, try not to giggle as you pass. The opponents are going for a telephone number.

7. Even experts disagree on this nightmare. Some would pass 2♣. When I had this hand, I rebid 2♠ and was fortunate enough to catch partner with the queen doubleton in my suit. We were the only pair to go plus. The two bids you can't make are 2♦ and 2NT because each requires at least 11 high-card points.

8. 1NT. Don't be afraid of that worthless doubleton. You're not promising your partner a rose garden, merely a balanced hand with 15-17 points. If you don't open 1NT, your rebid will be wrong. Say you open 1♦ and partner responds 1♠. Now what? 1NT by you describes a 13-14 point hand, and a jump to 2NT requires at least 18 HCP. Get it over with, and if the bridge gods don't smile on you and you end up in 3NT and the opponents run five spade tricks to start, don't worry. Opening 1NT with this



Cartoons Jude Goodwin, from the book *Go Ahead, Laugh*, published by Master Point Press.

hand will be right most of the time.

9. Lead the ♠A. This is one of the few times it's right to lead an unsupported ace. The race is on. It does no harm to lead the ace because declarer can't have the king. If partner does a figurative handstand with an encouraging signal continue the suit.

10. Lead a trump. Dummy probably has a singleton spade, and declarer is going to try to ruff losing spades in dummy. Try to prevent that.

JUST FOR NEW PLAYERS



Reading the lead

By Eddie Kantar

Dlr: North	♠ A 10 6		
Vul: E-W	♥ K 9 7		
	♦ A 9 6		
	♣ Q 9 8 3		
♠ K 8 3		♠ —	
♥ 10 2		♥ A Q J 8 6 4	
♦ J 4 3 2		♦ Q 10 7	
♣ J 7 5 4		♣ K 10 6 2	
	♠ Q J 9 7 5 4 2		
	♥ 5 3		
	♦ K 8 5		
	♣ A		

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♥	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♥	4♠
All Pass			

Opening lead: ♥10.

Bidding commentary: As South, your hand improves once you know partner has at least two spades.

Lead commentary: When leading partner's suit through a notrump bidder, it is normal to lead the 10 from 10-x-x, the jack from J-x-x, and the



queen from Q-x-x. Not the case this time, but the possibility exists.

Defensive

commentary: As East, if dummy plays low, signal encouragement with the ♥8, and when partner leads a second heart, cover dummy's card and play a third heart putting partner in a position to overruff declarer.

Play commentary: As South, there is a reasonable chance that West has the ♠K and will overruff if you ruff high. If this happens, you are stuck with a diamond loser. Discard a diamond instead. It's a sure loser anyway. Now you can win any return and take the spade finesse. With 10 spades between the two hands, the percentage play (by far) is to take the finesse. It is wrong to play East for the singleton king unless the bidding absolutely tells you that East must have that card or it has fallen on the floor face up!

As declarer, when there is a clear danger of being overtruffed (third heart), consider discarding a loser instead, particularly if the suit cannot be continued effectively.



Christine Aquin Pope of Toronto ON came to the Boston NABC never having played duplicate bridge previously – no club games, no tournaments, nothing. She came to Boston with a group of bridge-playing friends thinking she would do other things while they played. Instead, with some encouragement, she picked up a partner, and in the 299er pairs game on Wednesday evening, she tied for fourth-fifth in her section and collected 0.43 masterpoints. Pope played with David Ganz of Novato CA.

On Thursday, Pope, one of the ACBL's newest members, returned to play with friend Alex Peck in the 0-20 game.

1st World Youth Bridge Championships

The first World Youth Bridge Championships are scheduled for Istanbul, Turkey, next summer and will be open to all players born on or after Jan. 1, 1984.

The tournament will take place Aug. 15-23 at Yeditepe University and will feature Swiss and knockout teams, board-a-match teams, matchpoint pairs and IMP pairs. Entry fees are 500 euros per team and 200 euros per pair.

The events are transnational with no quotas for countries. Full board accommodations are available in double rooms at 45 euros per person per day.

Registration is available online through the World Bridge Federation web site at www.worldbridge.org.

Gift bag winners

Congratulations to the winner of the New Hampshire State Day gift bag, compliments of Unit 150 (New Hampshire): Bonnie Britton of Staten Island NY.

The right stuff

By Barry Rigal

Dlr: South	♠ K 6		
Vul: Both	♥ Q 8 4 3		
	♦ 9 8		
	♣ Q 9 7 6 3		
♠ 8 7 4 2		♠ A	
♥ A 10 9 6		♥ J 7 5 2	
♦ K 8 4 2		♦ Q J 10 7 6	
♣ 8		♣ K J 4	
	♠ Q J 10 9 5 3		
	♥ K		
	♦ A 8		
	♣ A 10 5 2		

West	North	East	South
			1♠
Pass	1NT	Dbf	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	?

This deal was played in a qualifying session of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs (hands rotated, spots approximate).

At our table, South sold out to 3♥. On a spade lead, North was able to hold declarer to

nine tricks by ducking the ♥Q after West has been forced to ruff a spade in dummy.

The more interesting contract is 3♠. West should probably double to protect his equity. Now the club lead stands out. Declarer takes the ♣J with the ace and knocks out the trump ace, and East has a problem. A simple but unsuccessful defense would be to find West with the ♦A – thus declarer would have the ♥A and the ♦K – and so shift to the ♦Q, playing to cash two diamonds plus the ♣K and a club ruff. Equally unsuccessful is to play the ♣K and another club, giving partner a ruff. That defeats the contract only if partner has two more tricks to cash.

The winning defense is to play South for the ♦A and singleton ♥K giving partner the club ruff without cashing the ♣K. Now, as long as partner does not get cute and simply returns a low diamond, you can defeat the contract.

Artist

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Koch is a relative newcomer to bridge. For years, her brother, Bob Gaudet, had been bugging her to take up the game, but with a job and a family, she never seemed to have the time. Two years ago, when her brother started teaching bridge at the Winchester MA Senior Center, Dianne decided the time was right to learn. She started taking lessons and playing at the Bridge Spot in Woburn MA, where club manager Dean Panagopoulos runs an active newcomer program.

“Defense is my favorite part of the game,” says Dianne. “I love it when the communications between me and my partner work well. I also love the people I’ve met through bridge.”

Koch has always loved to paint and draw as a creative outlet and because she finds it relaxing. Or, at least, she used to! Since her talents have

been discovered among the local bridge clubs, Koch has been busy.

“The first sign I made was for a newcomer Swiss teams event at the Bridge Spot. I drew some mountains and included some language in the art that said yodeling was not required to play in the event. I guess people liked my sense of humor. I’ve been making signs for monthly events ever since.”

According to Koch, the process of creating art work to promote the tournament’s State Days felt a little bit overwhelming at first. She was afraid that she wouldn’t be able to pick out the one thing that was most important to represent a state. Over dinner with fellow bridge players Ellen and Martin Dickau, she learned of the historic importance of the Charter Oak for the state of Connecticut.

“That was all I needed to get the process going. The rest of the designs came fairly easily.”

Koch has been married for 31 years and has two children and two grandchildren. She works at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in the Boston area.

Affordable parking options for NABC Players

Several lower cost options are available for players who need to park a car in the vicinity of the Back Bay playing site. Changes have been made to parking information about the two most affordable options, so please note the following, updated information. The first is ideal for players in events that begin at 1 p.m., while the second is compatible with players in events scheduled for 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:



Garage @ 100 Clarendon

Entrance on Clarendon St. Special: \$20 per day.

Arrive after 11 a.m. and depart by 11:30 p.m. to get special rate. When leaving, show your ticket and convention card at Clarendon St. garage office and your parking ticket will be validated.

Marriott Hotel Parking Garage

Arrive before 9 a.m. and depart by midnight, Monday-Friday ONLY and get a \$20 rate. No ticket validation is required.

Other, more expensive options are available in the vicinity of playing site. Please go to www.acbl.org and to Boston NABC for more information.

Parking meters suspended during the weekend after Thanksgiving

If you are lucky enough to find a parking spot on the street, it’s free during the weekend after Thanksgiving—compliments of Boston Mayor Tom Menino.

Please note that parking meters will have a two-hour time limit on Saturday.

Solution to the bridge puzzle on page 3.

At first blush it might seem that the only difference between the two scorecards was that Team A had a “1” in the “64” slot, while Team B had a “0” – to make matters easy, something like

1111111111111111**1**1111111

Versus

1111111111111111**10**1111111.

But that can’t be right, because the two teams played two other boards against one another, and they can’t very well have gotten the same score on each of the other two boards (as in the two bolded sets of 1s in the example above).

No, in order to create a 64-point spread consistent with board-a-match scoring, the two scorecards would have to have looked something like this:

Team A

110101101111010**100**110101

Team B

110101101111010**011**110101

Note that the two sequences differ only in the numbers shown in bold. First of all, we see that the boldface numbers represent 256 (=28) for Team A and 128 + 64 = 192 for Team B, so Team A’s base-10 conversion exceeds Team B’s by 64. But the three boldface numbers must represent the scores that those two teams posted while playing each other; clearly Team B won two out of three boards and therefore won the event.

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Meckstroth

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“I felt like an idiot,” he says, “but you have to put something like that behind you.”

Meckstroth did just that, and he and Eric Rodwell went on to win the Blue Ribbon for the second time.

The 190 masterpoints Meckstroth earned made him ACBL's top living masterpoint holder of all time, well north of 60,000. At his current pace, Meckstroth will pass the late Paul Soloway as the all-time leader, period, in a couple of years.

Not that Meckstroth is counting, although he is proud of his achievement as the first Player of the Decade – 1990-1999 – and his frontrunner status in the current decade's contest (for most platinum MPs, available only in nationally rated events).

The Tampa FL resident is widely regarded as one of the best players in the world, and he has admirers among many top competitors.

“There's no question he's one of the best,” says Zia Mahmood, Meckstroth's teammate in winning the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match Teams earlier in this NABC. “In some aspects of the game,” Zia adds, “he is the best.”

What distinguishes Meckstroth from many others, Zia says, is that “he has the qualities of a winner that a lot of players don't have.”

“He conjures tricks from thin air,” says Englishman Mark Horton, editor and author who has observed Meckstroth in action at world championships and other venues for many years. “He's a terrific player.”

Meckstroth's trophy case includes nearly 50 North American championships plus seven world titles. He and Rodwell are part of a small group of players who have won the three events considered the most important in international play – the Bermuda Bowl, Open Pairs and the event once known as the Olympiad Teams.

Far from being jaded by all the success, Meckstroth still approaches each game with a sense of wonder and excitement.

“I absolutely love the game,” he says, “and I'm still getting better. I'm still learning things about the game.”

Meckstroth knows bridge can be humbling,

and he views ego as the downfall of many players with potential.

“If you think you know it all,” he says, “you're done getting better. No matter how good you are, every time you sit down at the table you're Joe Blow until you prove otherwise.”

Eric Kokish, coach of the Nick Nickell team on which Meckstroth has played for many years, says Meckstroth “is probably the toughest guy I've ever seen at the table. He rarely makes an error for not considering all the possibilities.”

With bridge as his profession, Meckstroth spends a lot of time on the road, but he is careful not to overbook, playing about 18 regionals a year plus the NABCs, team trials and the Cavendish Invitational Pairs in Las Vegas. “I make sure I get time off,” he says, “and I don't play on the computer.”

When he's not playing bridge, Meckstroth plays a lot of golf at home in Florida, where he moved from Ohio in 1987. As a teenager, he was a scratch golfer and gave some thought to trying to play as a pro. His golf game, Meckstroth says, has been improving lately. “I've had 10 rounds in the 70s,” he says.

Meckstroth also likes getting out on the water in his 26-foot speedboat named “Meckwell Machine.”

He is also spending time with his fiancé, Sally Chapleau, who he met in Greenville SC at a regional. They haven't set a date for the marriage.

You can't talk to Meckstroth for long without his mentioning his two sons, Rob and Matt. “I'm very proud of my boys,” he says. “They are great kids – and they are gentlemen.”

Rob, 26, recently married and is working for a small investment company in San Francisco. “I'm hoping for some grandchildren,” Meckstroth said. “I would love to be a grandfather.”

Matt, 23, is teaching high school Spanish in Baltimore and attending graduate school at Johns Hopkins University.

With the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams still to go, Meckstroth must stay focused on the game for the next two days.

That's not a problem for a person with Meckstroth's outlook. “It's a game of mistakes,” he says. “How you deal with those mistakes will determine how you do.”

Meckwell working on fourth decade as partners

Nearly 34 years after they formed their partnership, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell are still going strong, and are arguably the top partnership in the world, certainly one of the longest-standing.

Other top-flight partnerships have come and gone since “Meckwell” first sat down at the table in the mid-Seventies.

As demonstrated by their showing in Boston so far – two North American championships with a shot at a third – they are as effective as ever, if not more so.

“The partnership is greater than the sum of the parts,” says Eric Kokish, who coaches the Nick Nickell team, which has included Meckstroth and Rodwell for many years. “They each have strengths, and they are not the same strengths.”

Rodwell, the bidding theorist in the partnership, says the two have learned over the years to “fix the bridge things and the psychology.” Translation: letting it go when something bad happens.

“The key,” says Rodwell, “is to use energy constructively.”

At times, Rodwell acknowledges, he has tinkered too much with the bidding system, dubbed RM Precision. Meckstroth offers, “The thing I'm most happy with is that Eric is through changing (the system).”

Each praises the other for his partnership skills. Says Meckstroth, “Eric is the best partner ever.”

Rodwell says he is also grateful for the other partnership in his life – the one with his wife, Donna. They will celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary next April.

In separate interviews, Meckstroth and Rodwell made nearly identical statements about still learning about bridge whenever they play.

Most important, says Rodwell, is learning to “focus on the now” and taking the bad with the good. “You win some and lose many – and that's if you're good.”

Life Master news

Eamon Walsh of Toronto ON is a new Life Master.

Kyoko Takahashi became a Life Master at the Boston NABC when her team finished second in the B/C/D Swiss Teams on Sunday. Takahashi, of

Sudbury MA, played with partner Barbara Murphy, and teammates Peter Manzon and Bob Bertoni, all of Massachusetts.

Patricia Morrison made Life Master in the semifinal round of the Thursday Morning

Knockout Teams. Morrison, of Wellington NS, played with partner Maureen Donovan and teammates Janet Corkum and Dan Landry.

Debbie Benner became a Silver Life Master playing in the first qualifying session of the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs, playing with partner Arthur Crystal.

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Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.

If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director. Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6-board matchpoint penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

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TOURNAMENT APPEALS

Appeal Case: NABC+ 3
Subject: Unauthorized Information, Tempo
Event: Blue Ribbon Pairs
Session: Second semifinal
Date: Nov. 22



Board: 3 Paul Bethé
 Vul: E-W ♠ J 10 6 3
 Dlr: South ♥ J
 ♠ K J 10 8
 ♣ K J 7 2

Richard Zeckhauser	Michael Rosenberg
♠ A K 5	♠ 8 4 2
♥ K 7 5 2	♥ 10 9 8 6 3
♦ A 7 2	♦ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 6 3	♣ 10

Kitty Cooper
 ♠ Q 9 7
 ♥ A Q 4
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ A 9 8 5 4

West	North	East	South
			1♣
1NT	Dbl	2♦ (1)	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl (2)
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

(1) Transfer to hearts.

(2) All agreed that there was a break in tempo (BIT) prior to doubling.

Opening lead: ♣10.

Table result: Down one, North-South minus 50.

Director ruling: 2♠ by North, down one, minus 50.

The Facts: The director was called after the 2♠ bid and again after play of the hand was completed. South said "we were in a forcing auction."

The Ruling: The director judged that pass by North was not a logical alternative. In accordance with Law 16B1, there was no reason to adjust the score. Therefore, the table result of 2♠ by North down one, North-South minus 50, was allowed to stand.

The Appeal: North presented his written agreement covering auctions that begin "1NT — Double." Michael Rosenberg recommended that South should anticipate the ensuing difficulty by taking time over the transfer of 2♦ and not so long over the 2♥ bid.

The Decision: The committee felt that North's decision to bid 2♠ after partner's acknowledged hesitation before doubling 2♥ was justified on a variety of counts:

1. The committee recognized that the agreement over a double of an opening 1NT while not identical, was analogous.
2. The opponents had at least eight trumps.
3. His defensive values were very soft and misplaced.

The committee acknowledged Michael Rosenberg's recommendation.

The committee decided for the above reasons that pass was not a logical alternative and upheld the director's decision to allow the table result of 2♠ by North down one, North-South minus 50, to stand.

The Committee: Gail Greenberg (Chair), Ellen Kent, David Lindop, Chris Moll and Bob White.

Monitoring

At this and future North American Championships, ACBL will be monitoring NABC+ events with visible, real-time cameras. The images will be recorded and will be available for later official inspection and review.

By general monitoring of the session and participants' behavior, ACBL has another source of information that may be useful in determining facts and settling issues arising from some types of ethical and behavioral complaints or actions. Please summon a director if a problem occurs at the table.

This procedure is intended to assure everyone that the playing field is level and that misbehavior will not be tolerated.

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Close call

By Barry Rigal

On this deal from the quarterfinal round of the Senior Knockout Teams, Richard DeMartino took advantage of a couple of subtle errors by the defenders to land a close game (hands rotated).

Dlr: South ♠ A 9 5
 Vul: Both ♥ J 6 5 3
 ♦ K J
 ♣ Q J 8 2

♠ K 10 8 6 4 2	♠ —
♥ K Q	♥ A 10 9 4
♦ 10 8 4	♦ 9 7 5 3 2
♣ 10 7	♣ A 9 6 3

♠ Q J 7 3
 ♥ 8 7 2
 ♦ A Q 6
 ♣ K 5 4

West	North	East	South
			1♣
1♠	Dbl	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led a low spade, ducked around to DeMartino's 7. He played a club to the queen, and East made a fatal error by winning with the ace (ducking destroys the timing). A diamond was returned to dummy, and DeMartino played a low heart from dummy. West won and continued with a diamond. Another heart went to West and a third diamond cleared the suit as dummy discarded a low heart.

DeMartino, in hand with the ♦A, played the ♠Q, covered by the king and ace, the second error by the defenders. Had West played low on the ♠Q, declarer's timing would have been off. In any event, at that point, the defenders had three tricks, and this was the position with East still to pitch on the ♠A.

♠ 9	♠ —
♥ J	♥ A 10
♦ —	♦ 9
♣ J 8 2	♣ 9 6 3

♠ 10 8 6 4
 ♥ —
 ♦ —
 ♣ 10

♠ J 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ —
 ♣ K 5

East correctly discarded a heart, but DeMartino then ducked a spade to West and could win the continuation of either black suit before cashing his other black-suit winner to squeeze East in hearts and clubs. Although the fall of the ♣10 allows a strip squeeze, DeMartino's line would work whatever East's club spots were.

A teenager's balancing act

By Bill McFall



Most of us are faced with choices when it comes to balancing life and bridge. Boston-area player Adam Grossack encountered just such a situation during the Fall NABC.

A little background: Adam actually has two

“occupations.” Both are located in Newton, about eight miles west of Boston on Route 9, aka Huntington Avenue. It would be hard to get time off, but his teammates needed him.

More on this later.

On the first Friday, he joined partner/bridge teacher Don Caplin and teammates Nancy and John Flynn to place fourth in the Paul Kinney Swiss Teams.

The next day, when the whistle blew, he left one of his “jobs” to make a swift trip back to the Marriott. He had to change out of his uniform en route! There he was able to join his team: partner Margie Sullivan, Vera Petty and Roman Smolski for the Paul Revere Bracket 1 Knockout Teams. They advanced steadily through the day, beating my team in the evening set.

Not one to waste an opportunity for more, he placed first in the midnight zip after two Saturday KO sessions. The night owls included Joyce Pearson, Mike Cassel, and his mother, Jori Grossack.

This deal, reported by Jori, helped the team to victory.

Dlr: South	♠ 10		
Vul: None	♥ 10 5 3 2		
	♦ K J 9 4 3		
	♣ K Q 9		
	♠ K J 9 6 5 4		♠ Q 7 2
	♥ J 6		♥ 7
	♦ A Q 6		♦ 10 8 7 5 2
	♣ 7 5		♣ J 10 3 2
			♠ A 8 3
			♥ A K Q 9 8 4
			♦ —
			♣ A 8 6 4

West	North	East	South
	Jori		Adam
Pass	7♥	Pass	6♥
Dbl	Pass	Pass	Redbl
All Pass			

Adam boldly started the bidding at the six level and was raised to 7♥ by Jori. After West's dubious double, Adam expressed confidence in his mother's bidding with a redouble. Somehow, declarer in 6♥ went down at the other table for minus 50, a useful 20-IMP gain for Adam's team, which was trailing at the time.

Sunday, after a very short night, he rejoined

his (better-rested) Smolski teammates as they secured the semifinal and then the final to claim the win (and 41.24 gold points).

Then it was back to job one. It was tough knowing his friends were bridging without him. Work let him out early on Wednesday and he got in a two-session pair event.

Due to both work and family obligations on Thanksgiving, the next event would have to be Friday.

With an impressive 50-plus masterpoints accumulated in part-time attendance, Adam and teammates will be trying for further success on the final weekend of play.

Now the “more” that was promised.

What makes this interesting are the “jobs” involved. His first is that of student, as a 16 year-old junior at Newton South High School. The second: offensive lineman (guard) for the Newton South Lions. The football team is involved in the state playoffs, including a game on Thanksgiving. Additionally, he is a member of Newton's 2007 state champion mock trial squad, with a keen interest in law as a possible future career.

Younger brother Zach is also active in football and is the third family bridge player. At the ripe age of 10, he is playing and earning masterpoints at the Fall NABC. He has been playing for 18 months.

Their dad, Rocky, is non-playing captain of the busy group. A third son, older brother Sam, is a junior studying political science at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Treble Dutch

By Mark Horton

Having made an excellent decision in the bidding, English international David Kendrick made a fine play in the final of the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs to bring home a fascinating 3NT.

The added twist was that the three other players at the table were all Dutchmen.

Dlr: West	♠ K 6 5 4 3
Vul: Both	♥ K 8 2
	♦ Q 3
	♣ 9 8 5

♠ 10	♠ Q 8 7 2
♥ J 9 7 5	♥ 10 6 4
♦ J 7 4 2	♦ K 9 8 6
♣ A 10 7 2	♣ K Q

♠ A J 9
♥ A Q 3
♦ A 10 5
♣ J 6 4 3

West	North	East	South
Drijver	van Cleeff	Drijver	Kendrick
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

After North transferred and then invited, South followed the sound policy with a balanced hand of opting for the nine-trick game, thereby avoiding the doomed 4♠.

West led a heart and declarer won with dummy's king and played a spade to the jack. The appearance of West's 10 was ominous. Keeping his options open, declarer exited with a club. East took the king and played a heart, and when declarer won and played another club, East continued the game of ping pong by winning and exiting with a third heart.

Declarer won that and now played three rounds of spades, putting East on play and forcing him to lead away from the ♦K.

When East got in with the ♣Q, he missed a difficult chance to defeat the contract by finding a switch to a low diamond, which removes the entry to the long spades.

My finessing friend tells me that declarer can always make the contact if he wins the first trick in hand. Say he then exits with a club. East

will win, but a diamond exit will not help now, as there is still an entry to dummy and on a heart continuation declarer has more than one way to arrive at nine tricks provided he takes the right view.

Perhaps the neatest is to win in dummy and play a spade to the jack, exiting with a club when the 10 falls. To avoid the endplay declarer achieved at the table East must exit with a diamond immediately after winning this trick, but declarer runs that to dummy's jack, plays a spade to the 9, cashes the major-suit aces. West will have to keep two clubs and then plays ♦A, so in the four card ending declarer simply plays ♦A and a diamond. If East wins he will end up giving the last trick to dummy's ♠K and if West wins he will have to give declarer a club trick.



Little deuce coup

By Mark Horton

Little Deuce Coupe was the Beach Boys' fourth album – the title track happens to be on the CD of their greatest hits that I keep in the car for summer days.

In the Myles Walsh Stratified Mixed Pairs, Nancy Maidman showed a lot of faith in her partner's not-inconsiderable playing skills. As that happened to be Bulgaria's international star, Valio Kovachev, the confidence was not misplaced.

What is more, although the same contract was attempted at several tables, only Nancy's partner found a route to 12 tricks.

Dlr: West ♠ 10 6
Vul: None ♥ 5

♦ Q J 9 7 6 5 4
♣ K 9 4

♠ A K 9 8 7
♥ 10 8
♦ A 3 2
♣ 8 7 3

♠ J 4
♥ A K J 7 4 3
♦ 8
♣ A Q 6 2

♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ Q 9 6 2
♦ K 10
♣ J 10 5

West	North	East	South
Maidman		Kovachev	
1♠	3♦	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

South led the ♦K and declarer won with the ace. In case North held a singleton ♥Q, declarer led the 8 from dummy at trick two, the jack losing to South's queen.

Declarer ruffed the diamond return, and played the ♠J, running it when South did not cover. Now came a heart to the 10, a successful club finesse, and three more trumps. This was the situation when declarer led his last trump:

♠ 10
♥ —
♦ Q J
♣ K 9

♠ A K 9
♥ —
♦ 2
♣ 8

♠ 4
♥ 7
♦ —
♣ A 6 2

♠ Q 5 3
♥ —
♦ —
♣ J 10

In order to retain a guard in spades, South had to throw a club. Declarer discarded dummy's ♠9, and North threw a diamond. Now declarer played a spade to the king and when he tabled the ♠A, North was faced by this unenviable position:

♠ —
♥ —
♦ Q
♣ K 9

♠ A
♥ —
♦ 2
♣ 8

♠ 4
♥ —
♦ —
♣ A 2

♠ Q 5
♥ —
♦ —
♣ J

Discarding a diamond would allow declarer to score a trick with the deliberately preserved 2, and North's actual choice of a club saw declarer cross to the ♣A and take the last trick with the lowest card in the other minor suit to complete a perfect example of a non-simultaneous double squeeze.

That brilliant piece of card reading may put Valio in the melting pot for hand of the year. If South had found the equally brilliant play of ducking the ♥J, the potential award might be going somewhere else!

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Harvard Square – Walk through historic Harvard Yard stopping at the John Harvard Statue, Widener Library, Memorial Church and Holden Chapel. Visit the Sackler (Eastern) and Busch-Reisinger (Germanic) Art Museums - \$8/\$6, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology and the Museum of Natural History. Meander around the shops in Harvard Square.

National 99er Pairs

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"We learned bridge because there was nothing to do on the bus," quipped Drodge, who taught himself to play from reading about the game in books and on the Internet. He then introduced the game to Rodriguez.

"I taught him to play during class instead of paying attention."

It is the first NABC for either player, who have been playing together for a year and a half.

In second were Sandra Naber of Victoria BC and her son John Naber, who is a student at MIT.



Second in the National 99er Pairs were Sandra Naber and John Naber.

Tough defender

By Barry Rigal

The following deal, from the first Sunday evening session, is a bad hand for systems in which a 1NT response to one of a major is a one-round force. With the South hand, you would like to bid 1♠ – Pass – 1NT – All Pass. If West makes the quite reasonable decision to double in the balancing seat, you will get to play 1NT redoubled.

Dlr: East	♠ 4		
Vul: None	♥ 9 8 5		
	♦ A K Q J		
	♣ 10 6 5 3 2		
♠ A Q J 9 8		♠ 6 2	
♥ K 4 3		♥ 10 7 6 2	
♦ 8 4		♦ 10 9 5 3	
♣ A 9 7		♣ K 8 4	
	♠ K 10 7 5 3		
	♥ A Q J		
	♦ 7 6 2		
	♣ Q J		

As it was, North-South had no choice but to bid as follows:

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Alex Ornstein, West, led the ♦8. Declarer won in dummy and played a club to the queen and ace. Back came a second trump. Declarer won in dummy and led a club off. It looks natural to win and shift to a heart, but declarer can take two hearts, four diamonds and three clubs for plus 110.

A spade shift by East is better. West can win cheaply and get out with a club. Declarer can win and run the minor suits but has to concede the last two tricks for one down.

Even better is for East to duck the second club. Declarer gets a cheap club trick but is stuck in the wrong hand.

At the table, declarer drew a third round of trumps and took a heart finesse. Ornstein won the ♥K, played a club to the king for a spade through and exited with a heart. Declarer was held to one club trick, four diamonds and two hearts for two down.

Bid Box Alerts and Announcements

When using bid boxes, ACBL suggests that players tap the Alert strip and say “Alert” at the same time.

When making an Announcement, use the Announcement word — such as “transfer” — and tap the Alert strip at the same time.

A player who Alerts or Announces a bid should make sure his opponents are aware that an Alert or Announcement has been made.

You better be sharp

By Barry Rigal

Be warned! The following three deals defeated the expert community: If you want to score all the trump tricks you are entitled to, you’d better bring your A game (hands rotated on the following deal).

Dlr: East	♠ 9 8 5 3
Vul: N-S	♥ 8 7 3
	♦ 6 4
	♣ J 5 3 2

♠ 6 4	♠ Q 10 2
♥ A K Q J 10 6 2	♥ 9
♦ 2	♦ K Q 10 7
♣ 10 6 4	♣ K Q 9 8 7

♠ A K J 7
♥ 5 4
♦ A J 9 8 5 3
♣ A

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1♦
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♠
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	4♠	Dbl	All Pass

North-South ignore the vulnerability and bid to 4♠. Insulted, you double and partner leads out the ♥K and ♥A. Plan the defense.

At the table, you would pitch encouraging clubs at tricks two and three, right?

Declarer ruffs, plays the ♦A and a second diamond, and gets to ruff diamonds in dummy, taking the spade finesse at his first opportunity, racking up plus 790.

The correct defense is so easy if you think about it. Simply pitch diamonds at tricks two and three. Now declarer must go down, losing two hearts and a diamond and a spade because he cannot get to dummy for the spade finesse.

Jim Priebe and Lew Richardson played the same deal against Bob Hamman and Zia Mahmood. When Hamman doubled 4♠ by South, Zia led his singleton diamond. Richardson won and played a second round of the suit. Hamman won the ♦7 and returned his singleton heart. Zia won the heart switch and played two more rounds. Hamman assured defeat of the contract by discarding his two remaining diamonds.

Declarer could not get to dummy for the spade finesse and went one down.

Priebe, in his comments on the deal, noted that if Zia had started with two high hearts, Hamman would have had a much more difficult time on defense (South overcalled 1♠ at his first turn and had not mentioned his six-card diamond suit). Zia’s diamond lead made Hamman’s task much easier. Well done, H & Z.

Here’s an easier one – a grand slam from the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Dlr: East	♠ —
Vul: N-S	♥ 9 7 6 3 2
	♦ A Q J 10 9 6
	♣ Q 6

♠ 9 6 4 3	♠ 10 8 7 5 2
♥ 5	♥ K 8 4
♦ 8 5 3 2	♦ K 4
♣ K J 5 2	♣ 8 7 3

♠ A K Q J
♥ A K Q 10
♦ 7
♣ A 10 9 4

Getting to 7♥ isn’t easy, but say you manage in from the South seat. West leads a spade.

If you test trumps early, you’d better guess diamonds well. If you play the hand long in hearts to have the ♦K, you make it, but that’s anti-percentage.

Far better is to cash the high spades, pitching clubs, then ruff a club, play a heart to hand, ruff a club, another heart to hand, ruff a club, cash the ♦A and ruff a diamond and claim after drawing the last trump. This line succeeds against 2-2 trumps or singleton ♥J, 4-3 clubs and also when one hand is long in both suits – about an 85% line.

Nobody knows that to do with hands such as the following.

Dlr: East	♠ —
Vul: Both	♥ —
	♦ A K Q J 10 9 8 5 3
	♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ 9 7 6 3 2	♠ A J 10 8
♥ A 10 8 7 5 4 2	♥ J 9 3
♦ —	♦ 2
♣ K	♣ A Q J 8 4

♠ K Q 5 4
♥ K Q 6
♦ 7 6 4
♣ 10 9 3

West	North	East	South
		1♣	Pass
1♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dbl	6♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl	All Pass		

At our table, the bidding was predictably wild. On the lead of the ♦2, perhaps the right play is to win in dummy and play a low heart from the dummy. If West plays the ♥A, North escapes for one down.

But now play in 6♥ from the East seat on a top diamond lead. You ruff and play the ♥8. When North shows out, you run this to South, expecting him to win and give you an entry to dummy. The lucky lie of the clubs allows you to get home with 12 tricks no matter what South returns.

If South ducks the ♥8, you can play the ♥A and another heart to put him in the same position.

Just another push!

In a regional knockout event on Thursday, Steve Mackey and Ray Jotcham got to an excellent 6♦ slam on this layout (spots approximate):

Dlr: South	♠ 9 4		
Vul: None	♥ 10 9 7 6		
	♦ K 9 7 2		
	♣ A Q 4		
♠ 5 3		♠ Q J 8 6 2	
♥ K Q 8 3		♥ A 5 4 2	
♦ J 10 6		♦ 8 3	
♣ 10 8 7 6		♣ 9 2	
	♠ A K 10 7		
	♥ J		
	♦ A Q 8 4		
	♣ K J 5 3		

West	North	East	South
	Mackey		Jotcham
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	1♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	3♣

After arranging a few heart ruffs in the closed hand, declarer had an easy time collecting 12 tricks. Plus 920.

When they compared results, they discovered their teammates were minus 920, for a push, but the contract at the other table was very different:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♠ (2)	Dbl	1♣ (1)
All Pass			Redbl

- (1) Strong, artificial, forcing.
- (2) 8-10 HCP, balanced.

Their teammate sitting East made a lead-directing double of the artificial 1♠ response, but opener redoubled, and East-West had nowhere to go.

Declarer, North, managed two overtricks in 1♠ redoubled (not vulnerable) for 920, and a push board.



Runners-up in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs were Frederic Wrang and Martin De Knijff.



Second in the Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs were Gene and Arne Maki.

Technical matters

By Mark Horton

One of the many fascinating aspects of bridge is the occurrence of a variety of situations within individual suits.

Top-class players recognize most of these automatically, but here are couple of examples that are worthy of your attention, especially because not everyone got them right at the table.

Dlr: West	♠ A K Q 9 7		
Vul: Both	♥ Q 10		
	♦ 10 7 4		
	♣ Q 5 3		
♠ J 6		♠ 5 2	
♥ K J 8 6 4 3		♥ 9 7 5	
♦ 9 6		♦ Q J 5 3 2	
♣ A J 9		♣ K 4 2	
	♠ 10 8 4 3		
	♥ A 2		
	♦ A K 8		
	♣ 10 8 7 6		

West	North	East	South
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

When East leads a heart and declarer plays low from dummy West wins with the king. If you decide to switch to a club, then the right card is the jack, which gives you three tricks in the suit.

Suppose you decide to switch to a cunning ♦6 instead.

Declarer plays low from hand, takes East's jack with the king, draws trumps, cashes the ace of hearts and exits plays ace of diamonds and a diamond, putting East on lead.

The enforced club return is taken by West's ace and he exits with the nine of clubs.

Would you, as declarer, play West (remember he opened the bidding) for ♣A K 9 or his actual holding (where he might, as a good player) be expected to have switched to the ♣J at trick two?

When North paid West a compliment (assuming holding ♣A J 9, he would have switched to the jack) by going up with the queen he discovered that it was undeserved.

Dlr: East	♠ 6
Vul: N-S	♥ Q 6 5 4
	♦ Q 10 8 5
	♣ A 6 5 3
♠ A K J 5 2	♠ Q 10 4
♥ 3	♥ A 9 8 2
♦ 7 3	♦ K 9 2
♣ Q 9 8 4 2	♣ K 10 7

	♠ 9 8 7 3		
	♥ K J 10 7		
	♦ A J 6 4		
	♣ J		
West	North	East	South
1♥ (1)	Dbl	1♣	Dbl
4♠	All Pass	1♠	Pass

- (1) Transfer to spades.

South led a heart and declarer won and, rather

than draw trumps, made the slightly surprising play of the ♣K.

North won with the ♣A and was now in the position he would have been in had South elected to lead the ♣J at trick one.

North knows that he might be able to give his partner a club ruff, but that will not be enough to defeat the contract – the defenders will also need two diamond tricks. What is more, they must also ensure that North somehow stays on lead to deliver the hoped-for club ruff.

Let's look at the diamond suit in isolation:

	♦ Q 10 8 5	
♦ 7 3		♦ K 9 2
	♦ A J 6 4	

This type of situation, where dummy has a worthless holding in a suit that a defender is about to play, occurs many times.

It is a good idea to have some rules in this situation.

One playable method is to agree that a low card promises either the ace or king, that you play the normal card from the top of a sequence and otherwise you play your second-highest card.

In this case, North would switch to the ♦10, promising the queen or the 9. When declarer covers with the king, South wins and returns a diamond and then gets a club ruff.

Tales from the Vienna Woods

By Mark Horton

With the Rabbi taking a well-earned rest, my plans to explore Boston had to be put on hold when some old friends from Austria needed someone to fill in for the first session of a Swiss teams.

Mentioning Austria, one immediately thinks of Vienna, Strauss waltzes, wiener schnitzel and The Sound of Music. However, they also have some terrific bridge players, one of them being Andreas Babsch, who proceeded to produce some devastating bridge. Here are a couple of interesting deals:

Dlr: West	♠ 8 7 4		
Vul: None	♥ A K 6 4 3		
	♦ 7 4		
	♣ 8 6 2		
♠ K Q 10 9		♠ A J 5 3	
♥ Q 7 2		♥ J 5	
♦ Q 8 5 2		♦ K 10 6	
♣ 7 5		♣ Q J 10 9	
	♠ 6 2		
	♥ 10 9 8		
	♦ A J 9 3		
	♣ A K 4 3		
West	North	East	South
Messer	Babsch	Kearse	Horton
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

South led the ♠2 and declarer won in dummy and played a club to the queen and king. South switched to the ♥10 and North won with the ♥K and switched to a diamond, which went to the 6, 9 and queen.

Declarer drew trumps and played another club, but South won, played a heart to North's ace and a diamond gave South two tricks in the suit for plus 50.

Have you spotted where declarer went wrong?

When North plays a diamond declarer must go up with the king. South can take the ace, but cannot then play the suit without giving up a trick. That gives declarer time to set up the clubs for a couple of diamond discards.



Promoting the 10 of hearts

By Brian Senior

We had a great time in the Blue Ribbon Pairs – for three sessions. At the midpoint of the semifinal, we lay fourth, then put in a 38% session to just miss the cut for the final. Ouch! Along the way, came these two deals, the first coming from the second qualifying session.

Dlr: West	♠ 9 7 2		
Vul: E-W	♥ A 10 5		
	♦ K 8		
	♣ A Q 8 4 2		
♠ A K 4 3		♠ J 8 5	
♥ K 9 7 4		♥ Q J 6 3 2	
♦ A 6 2		♦ 7 5 4	
♣ 7 6		♣ K 5	
	♠ Q 10 6		
	♥ 8		
	♦ Q J 10 9 3		
	♣ J 10 9 3		

East declared 3♥ on the lead of the ♦Q. East erred by winning the first trick and I unblocked the king. Declarer led a heart to his queen then continued with the ♥J, his second error. I won the ♥A and cashed the ♣A, then returned my remaining diamond. Partner, Nigel Bird, won the diamond and cashed a second diamond, on which I threw the ♠9, suit preference, asking for a diamond continuation. After a little thought, Nigel worked it out and led the fourth round of diamonds, promoting the ♥10 for the setting trick.

As it happened, we didn't need this defense as there would have been a spade trick had we not given the ruff and discard, but had declarer held the ♠10, the trump promotion would have been necessary. Meanwhile, declarer could have avoided the trump promotion had he crossed to dummy to lead the second round of hearts through

the ace. Then he would have needed a lucky spade position which would, of course, not have materialized.

The second deal comes from the first session of the semifinal.

Dlr: North	♠ A 10 3		
Vul: E-W	♥ Q J 7		
	♦ K J 10 3		
	♣ Q 10 5		
♠ Q J 9 4		♠ 7 5 2	
♥ A 3		♥ K 10 6	
♦ A 9 7		♦ Q 6 2	
♣ 9 6 4 3		♣ A J 8 2	
	♠ K 8 6		
	♥ 9 8 5 4 2		
	♦ 8 5 4		
	♣ K 7		

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Dbl	Redbl (1)	1NT	2♥
All Pass			

(1) Three hearts and a reasonable hand.

This time, Nigel led the ♣6 and dummy played low. I made a mistake, putting in the jack without thinking, and that gave declarer a second club trick. He won the king then led a heart to the jack and king. I switched to a spade, and declarer won in hand with the king to establish his club trick for a spade discard. I won the ♣A and returned a spade to the jack and ace and declarer duly took his discard on the ♣Q. Now he ruffed a spade back to hand and led a diamond to the jack and queen. I returned a diamond to the ace and Nigel thought, cashed the ♥A, and thought again. Finally, the 13th spade hit the table and my ♥10 was once again promoted as the setting trick.

LOON MOUNTAIN STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

32.5 Tables / Based on 67 Tables

	A	B		
25.70	1		Wayne Burt, Pembroke NH; Geoffrey Phipps, Manchester NH	61.46%
19.28	2		Joseph Seo, Somerville MA; Amnon Gabay, Newton MA	58.86%
14.46	3		Christopher Apitz - Ellen Dilbert, Waltham MA	58.25%
10.84	4		Marie Wiley - Dwight Bender, London ON	58.23%
8.57	5		Jamie Ingolia, Cambridge MA; Patricia Lozano, San Antonio TX	57.53%
7.34	6		Carolyn Sessler, Boca Raton FL; Edward Scolnick, Wayland MA	56.81%
9.08	7	1	David Tuttle - Nancy Tuttle, Reading MA	56.42%
6.81	8	2	Sandy Stowe, Westwood MA; Stephen Robbins, Kittery ME	56.01%
5.14	9		Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA	55.99%
4.67	10		Stan Ryckman, Somerville MA; Ram Hira, North Vancouver BC	55.99%
5.11	11	3	Z Kadah, Los Gatos CA; Robert Lass, Chicago IL	55.37%
3.95	12		W Peter Crossley, East Falmouth MA; Bernard Garbose, Worcester MA	54.89%
4.05	13		Thomas Rozinski, Jackson Heights NY; Grigoriy Blekherman, Brooklyn NY	54.81%
3.47	14		Jeffrey Hand - Cynthia Colin, New York NY	54.54%
3.21	15		Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA	53.85%
3.02	16		Frank Blachowski, Windsor Locks CT; David Kowarsky, Longmeadow MA	53.09%
2.86	17		Perry Trilling, Ashland MA; Philip Desfosses, Portsmouth NH	52.40%
3.83		4	Andrew Purbrick - Deborah Bryan, West Chester PA	52.28%
3.03		5	Matthew Dyer, Dorchester MA; Gregory Ingolia, Cambridge MA	51.92%
2.59		6	Jim Kerr - Maarten Tjebbes, Vancouver BC	51.76%

GRANITE STATE MORNING KO BRACKET 1

16 Tables
David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen Trendafilov
- Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria

vs

John Berry, New Hyde Park NY; Marion Yonke, Manhasset NY;
Helen Flanagan, Stoughton MA; Sheila Bender, Randolph MA

Steven Hudson, Revere MA; Richard Hudson - Paul Truesdale,
Peabody MA; Paul Simon, Arlington MA

vs

Evan Markowitz, New York NY; Bruce Neiger, Merrick NY; Melissa
Baker, West Harrison NY; Tania Reyes Hiller, Shrub Oak NY

GRANITE STATE MORNING KO BRACKET 2

16 Tables
Gary Peterson, Marlboro MA; Ann Johnson, Marlborough MA; Bruce
Miller, Ignacio CO; Susan Elwyn, Framingham MA

vs

Ronald Briggs, Lexington MA; Jeanne Robillard, Marlborough MA;
Matthew Fienberg - Jill Hunter, Northborough MA

Clauda Gifford - Elizabeth Fitton, Westport MA; Mary Eisenman,
Dunkirk MD; Richard Eisenman Jr, Milford NJ

vs

Michael Bodell, Santa Clara CA; Chris Fader - Richard Bodell,
Waterloo ON; Vivian Wine, Cranston RI

**GRANITE STATE MORNING KO CONSOLATION
BRACKET 1**

8 Tables
Lynda Flanger, Gainesville VA; Roma Chandra, Silver Spring MD;
Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Amal Dasgupta, Wilmington DE

vs

Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA;
Wayne Gergen, Minneapolis MN; Fay Teal, Mesa AZ

Jean Monette, Hallandale FL; Claude Henin, Ottawa ON; Mark
Gorbics - Pamela Gorbics, Franklin Lakes NJ

vs

Adam Grossack, Newton MA; Adam Kaplan, New Port Richey FL;
Jori Grossack, Waban MA; Merle Stetser, Honolulu HI

Glenn Barkey, Nepean ON; Teresa Martin - Brenda Glaze - Robert
Hill, Anchorage AK

vs

Claude Tremblay - Muriel Tremblay, Niagara On Lake ON; Philip
Duterme, Bellaire TX; Charles Williams, Port Angeles WA

Cynthia Berenson, Boston MA; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez CA; Sally
Clark - Steve Clark, Carlsbad CA

vs

Donna Wood - Paul Foster, Vista CA; Jan Stewart, Toronto ON;
Constance Sackville, Vero Beach FL

**GRANITE STATE MORNING KO CONSOLATION
BRACKET 2**

8 Tables
Ernestine Cutler - Benjamin Cutler, Somerville NJ; James Scheirer -
Mary Ann Scheirer, Princeton NJ

vs

Toni Schwartz, Tarrytown NY; Michael McNamara, White Plains NY;
Daniel Wolkowitz, Hastings-On-Hud NY; Marius Agica, New York
NY

Kimberly Prager - Robin Worcester, Boston MA; Deborah Kelly,
Weston MA; Sally Edmonds, Cambridge MA

vs

Joseph Brouillard - Ida Farnworth, Lincoln RI; Jane Clancy, Attleboro
MA; Lois DeBlois, Warwick RI

Agnes Kurtz - Thomas Kurtz, Hanover NH; Ruth Horner, Sunapee
NH; John Goldman, Newton Center MA

vs

Barbara Perkins, Milton MA; Joan Wyon - Joan Noonan, Westwood
MA; Elaine Wilde, Belmont MA

Steven Ansell, Hopkinton MA; R. Scott Laing, Van Wert OH; Jeffrey
Boak, Bethesda MD; Michael Myers, Ottawa ON

vs

Lance Ribeiro, Hampstead NH; Chuck Adelman, Bridgewater NJ;
Paul Wolf II, Shrewsbury MA; Ben Yang, Warren NJ

14.0 Tables

6.89	1	Stephen Drodge, McLean VA; Andrew Rodriguez, Annandale VA	64.02%
5.17	2	Sandra Naber - John Naber, Victoria BC	58.43%
3.88	3	Brenda Thomas, Columbia MD; Steven Nesseler, Silver Spring MD	57.86%
3.45	4	Rishabh Singh, Cambridge MA; Eugene Chung, San Francisco CA	57.77%
2.18	5	Lee Corbett - Ross Lieb-Lappen, Winooski VT	56.06%
1.64	6	Ira Cooper - Catherine Cooper, Woburn MA	55.87%

FRIDAY 100/200/300 PAIRS**11.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
2.60	1/2	1/2		Nancy Fleming, Weston MA; Kathy Morss, Newton Centre MA	59.82%
2.60	1/2	1/2	1	Lisa Procter, Dover MA; Ronald Agel, Boston MA	59.82%
1.67	3	3	2	Vida Heskestad - Gunnila Whiting, Dover MA	57.14%
1.48	4	4		Joseph Harrington, Stoughton MA; Justin Booth, Arlington VA	55.06%
1.04	5			Nancy Mumford - George Mumford, Westwood MA	54.76%
0.80	6	5		Nancy Anderson, Georgetown MA; Laura Fisher, Onset MA	54.17%
0.94		3		Gil Congdon - Pamela Congdon, Reading MA	53.57%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 5/20/50 PAIRS**5.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
1.58	1			Peter Bohan, Walpole MA; Tinna Moy, Newton MA	62.51%
1.30	2	1	1	Dick O'Connor - Kris O'Connor, Duxbury MA	62.38%
0.98	3	2	2	Lucy Giger - David Giger, Maynard MA	53.76%
0.73	4	3		Leon Lombardi - Sara Lombardi, South Easton MA	53.38%
0.55		4		Riva Poor, Cambridge MA; Laura Hammaker, Sun City Center FL	52.26%

BRETTON WOODS SENIOR PAIRS**20.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
8.40	1			Faye Parsons, Saratoga CA; Sherby Chernin, Cincinnati OH	58.22%
6.30	2	1		William Heess, Marlborough MA; Harold Merzon, Stoughton MA	57.87%
4.73	3	2		William Riley - Nancy Riley, Silver Lake OH	55.69%
3.54	4			Ethan Stein, Irvington NY; Koko Adachi, Toyko 112-0012 Japan	55.21%
2.80	5			Wendy Krause - Arnold Krause, Toronto ON	55.19%
3.31	6	3		John Shufelt - Jean Shufelt, Naples FL	55.18%
2.48		4		Eileen O'Neill, Fall River MA; Marcia White, Lakeville MA	55.12%
3.17		5	1	Laurel Cohen, South Easton MA; Judith Lee Karp, Brockton MA	54.08%
2.79		6	2	Patricia Poitras - James Poitras, Narcoossee FL	53.69%
2.73			3	Richard Reid, N Dartmouth MA; Sylvia Keyes, Bridgewater MA	53.29%
1.34			4	Gordon Markham - Kathy Markham, Sun Lakes AZ	48.74%

LAKE WINNISQUAM DAYLIGHT PAIRS**24.0 Tables / Based on 33 Tables**

	A	B	C		
15.05	1			Dan Morse, Houston TX; Thomas Peters, Grapeland TX	65.05%
11.29	2	1		Andrew Hanes, San Diego CA; Roy Gat,	62.02%
8.47	3	2		Barbara Needle, Needham MA; Chuck Greenslit, Framingham MA	58.45%
6.35	4	3	1	Mo Chen, Somerville MA; Cong Shi, Cambridge MA	57.06%
5.02	5			Clayton Parker - Edith Parker, Surprise AZ	55.77%
4.30	6			Jack Weingold - Joanne Antoniou, Boca Raton FL	55.63%
3.76	7	4		Lynn Larson - Paul Christ, Traverse City MI	54.98%
3.34	8	5	2	John Keogh, Fairfield CT; Scott Vincini, Trumbull CT	54.75%
3.01	9	6		James Olson, Charleston WV; David Olson, Owings Mills MD	54.47%
2.36			3	Jason Smith, Brooklyn NY; Herbert Lee, Santa Cruz CA	53.13%
1.77			4	Candace Kasser, Natick MA; Patricia Donovan, Holliston MA	51.85%
1.96			5	Barbara McCormick, Polson MT; Midori Wakabayashi, Philadelphia PA	51.04%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME**20.0 Tables**

	A	B	C		
4.55	1			Donna Wood - Paul Foster, Vista CA	69.91%
4.25	2	1		William Fisher, Rochester NY; Sandra Rosenblum, Tampa FL	66.90%
3.19	3	2		Bruce Hunter Reid - Samantha Reid, Mississauga ON	66.67%
2.39	4	3		Eileen Grady, Burlington ON; Karl Zaman, N Royalton OH	62.73%
2.88	5	4	1	Kevin Shiue, San Francisco CA; Jennifer Lin, Bethesda MD	59.72%
1.31	6			Linda Tuff, Lower Sackville NS; John Currie, Halifax NS	58.10%
1.34		5		J Howard Tate - F Ruth Tate, Toronto ON	56.48%
2.16		6	2	Celine Poulin, Chicoutimi QC; Jan Stewart, Toronto ON	54.63%
1.62			3	Donna Taylor, Venice FL; Eva Jonas, Harwich Port MA	53.47%
1.22			4	Gayle Tunnell - James Tunnell, San Francisco CA	53.01%
0.91			5	Sandra Leder - Adrienne Biberstein, Switzerland	52.78%

THURSDAY-SATURDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES

13.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.49	1			Roberta Trayman - Charles Trayman, Naples FL	60.23%
2.62	2			Nancy Heck - Danny Kleinman, Los Angeles CA	59.09%
2.88	3	1		Scott Hiller, Marshall MN; Fred Hawa, White Plains NY	56.44%
1.51	4/5			Jon Downing, Solihull England; Liam Johnstone, Birmingham England	56.25%
2.43	4/5	2	1	James Utter - Eileen Utter, Sun Lakes AZ	56.25%
1.62	6	3		W Fisher, Rochester NY; Vera Martson, Norman OK	55.87%
1.82		4	2	David Chipman, Halifax NS; Sue Pisanelli, Parma OH	54.73%
1.18		5		Eliador Kennie, Kentville NS; Milton Kalikman, Azusa CA	52.27%
1.37		3		Shai Simonson, Sharon MA; Michael Monroe, Brookline MA	51.70%
1.03		4		Rita Brizel - Nancy Daly, New York NY	49.81%

FRIDAY MORNING 50/150/300 PAIRS

15.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.53	1			Berta O'Brien, Northborough MA; Alice Weagle, Shrewsbury MA	68.75%
2.80	2	1	1	Alta Baack - John Baack, Wellesley MA	63.45%
2.10	3	2		Laura Fisher, Onset MA; Sheila Keating, Marblehead MA	61.74%
1.58	4	3		Sheila Long, Lyndonville VT; Karen Kristiansen, West Burke VT	61.36%
1.34	5	4	2	Ronald Agel, Boston MA; Lisa Procter, Dover MA	57.39%
1.01	6	5	3	Tinna Moy, Newton MA; Peter Bohan, Walpole MA	56.63%
0.66		6		Venky Venkataramani, Andover MA; Gail Arnow, Cincinnati OH	53.98%
0.89			4	Carole Cushing - Shirley Kane, Boston MA	51.70%
0.62			5	Patricia Costello, West New York NJ; Robert Costello, Belmont MA	50.00%

FRIDAY EVENING 50/100/300 PAIRS

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.97	1	1	1	Stephen Drodge, McLean VA; Andrew Rodriguez, Annandale VA	62.63%
2.23	2			Diana Drisko, Saint Louis MO; Rob Kelly, Defiance MO	55.18%
1.67	3			Charles Gaeth, Benicia CA; Alexandra Di Chiara, Fernandina Beac FL	54.35%
1.25	4			David Ganz, Novato CA; Christine Pope, Toronto CD	53.87%
0.94	5			Sheila Long, Lyndonville VT; Karen Kristiansen, West Burke VT	53.40%
1.52	6	2		Carole Cushing - Katherine Kane, Boston MA	52.98%
1.14		3	2	Francis Pantuso - Marta Escobar, Manchester NH	52.93%
0.85		4		Steven Nessler, Silver Spring MD; Brenda Thomas, Columbia MD	52.30%
0.64		5		Elizabeth Baud - Edward Baud, Lynnfield MA	52.26%
0.83			3	William Hees, Lexington MA; Mary Ann Haas, Concord MA	50.31%

LILAC PAIRS

26.0 Tables / Based on 25 Tables

	7	3			
8.65	1	1		Ann Johnson, Marlborough MA; Michael Monroe, Brookline MA	58.05%
6.49	2	2		James Keegan, Cambridge MA; Mary Jo Feeney, Jamaica Plain MA	57.58%
4.87	3			Otto Kaes, Saugus MA; John Galaris, Salem MA	57.39%
3.65	4			J Darryl Pistone - David Chipman, Halifax NS	57.29%
3.23	5			Barbara McLagan, Sudbury MA; William Hicks, Wayland MA	56.91%
2.32	6/7			Richard Thorner - Robert Hasserjian, Manchester NH	56.34%
2.32	6/7			Martine Kellett, Danvers MA; Eva Sacharuk, Wenham MA	56.34%
2.50		3		Paul Tierney - Peggy Tierney, Needham Heights MA	53.60%
2.12		4/5		Sally Kellar, Willowdale ON; Herbert Heller, Pittsburgh PA	52.75%
1.68		4/5		Jill Thompson - Leonard Wells, Toronto ON	52.75%
1.27		6		Alice Harper - Brandon Harper, Winter Park FL	50.57%

THURSDAY-FRIDAY AFT/EVE SIDE SERIES

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.94	1			Lev Seviyan, Yerevan; Eduard Vardapetyan, Yerevan	65.22%
3.49	2	1		Karl Zaman, N Royalton OH; Eileen Grady, Burlington ON	63.78%
2.62	3	2		Malcolm Barker, Great Britain; Victoria Gregory, Pittsburg KS	61.06%
1.96	4	3		Judith Bussell - Jean Johnson, Devonshire Bermuda	59.78%
2.43	5			Carleton Lett - Ira Ewen, New York NY	59.62%
0.93	6			Yoon Kim, San Diego CA; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA	57.37%
1.47		4		Rita Gross, Cheltenham PA; Philip Nyman, Weston MA	57.21%
1.10		5		Judith Chaice, White Plains NY; Percy Wu, Grand Rapids MI	54.81%
2.15		6		Bruce Hunter Reid - Samantha Reid, Mississauga ON	54.65%
2.58			1	Michael Berkowitz, Winston Salem NC; Dana Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL	53.04%
1.94			2	Rita Ziegler, West Caldwell NJ; Jeanne Epstein, Florham Park NJ	51.60%
1.45			3	Daniel Groves - Gregory Udell, Bloomington IN	50.96%
1.09			4	Jim Canty, Berkeley CA; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont CA	48.72%
0.82			5	James Utter - Eileen Utter, Sun Lakes AZ	48.40%

FRANCONIA NOTCH KO BRACKET 1

13 Tables

Carole Weinstein, Acton MA; K Scott Kimball, Brighton MA;
Charles Polay, Chelmsford MA; Jacqueline Kovacs, Andover MA
vs
Jon Downing, Solihull England; Teri McRae - Allen McRae,
Portland ME; Liam Johnstone, Birmingham England

Joyce Hampton, Blythewood SC; Lucas Lebioda, Columbia SC;
Jon Rice - Mike Rice, Raleigh NC; David Grainger, Etobicoke
ON; Jenny Wolpert, New York City NY

vs

Roman Smolski - Vera Petty, Warwick Bermuda; Stephen
Rzewski, South Dennis MA; Margie Sullivan, Sagamore Beach
MA

FRANCONIA NOTCH KO BRACKET 2

13 Tables

Steven Ansell, Hopkinton MA; Jeanne McKenzie, Medford MA;
Eric Schwartz - Linda Robinson, Arlington MA

vs

Cynthia Berenson, Boston MA; Leslie Strong, Santa Ynez CA; T
Mc Quade, Portland OR; Sally Clark - Steve Clark, Carlsbad CA

Debbie Benner - Arthur Crystal, Fairfield CT; Bob Dale,
Pensacola FL; Graham Shorrocks, St John S NL

vs

Richard A Starbuck, Sun City West AZ; Susan Rodricks, Milford
CT; Robert Hill - Brenda Glaze, Anchorage AK

FRANCONIA NOTCH KO BRACKET 3

13 Tables

Catherine Miller - Hugh Miller, Houston TX; Art McHaffie - Joy
McHaffie, Santa Fe NM

vs

Anand Lele, Natick MA; Parul Jain, Wellesley MA; Joyce
Pearson, Framingham MA; Zachary Grossack, Newton MA

Michael Strong - Johanna Strong, Winfield IL; Diane Beyer,
Orland Park IL; Tammy Pepper, Lavonia GA

vs

Gary Bernstein, Montreal QC; Steve Caplan, Hampstead QC;
Steve Herman, Revere MA; Alan Horton, Wethersfield CT

FRANCONIA NOTCH KO BRACKET 4

16 Tables

Donald MacMillan - Mary Macmillan, Cotuit MA; Sheila
Middleton, Milton MA; Susan Mullin, Naples FL

vs

Norman Tucker - Julia Tucker, Melville NY; David Cohen, New
York NY; Atsuko Kurishima, Newport Beach CA

Frances Gruber - William Gruber - Susan Collins - Lois
Callander, Toronto ON

vs

Ernestine Cutler - Benjamin Cutler, Somerville NJ; James
Scheirer - Mary Ann Scheirer, Princeton NJ

OCEAN STATE MORNING KO BRACKET 1

6 Tables

14.75 1 Veronica McMurdie - John McMurdie,
Sacramento CA; Lars Ritzman, Stockholm Sweden; Murray
Melton, Las Vegas NV; Marjorie Michelin, Los Angeles CA

7.82 2 Suzanne Durst - Douglas Durst, Katonah NY;
James Sampson, Lake Worth FL; Stephen Hess, Rehoboth MA

OCEAN STATE MORNING KO BRACKET 2

6 Tables

7.68 1 William Golush, Denville NJ; Daniel Neill,
Lexington KY; Jason Rotenberg, Fairfield CT; Shirley Liss,
Fairbanks AK

4.07 2 Daniel Landry, Hubley NS; Maureen
Donovan, Halifax NS; Patricia Morrison, Wellington NS; Janet
Corkum, Dartmouth NS

Barry Crane Top 500

Through the first week of November

1.	Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL	2571
2.	Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL	2254
3.	Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ	1948
4.	David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL	1934
5.	G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD	1743
6.	Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV	1734
7.	Jacob Morgan, Madison WI	1702
8.	Mike Passell, Las Vegas NV	1653
9.	Gavin Wolpert, New York NY	1564
10.	Chris Compton, Dallas TX	1540
11.	Joe Grue, New York NY	1459
12.	Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA	1435
13.	Gary Cohler, Miami FL	1385
14.	Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL	1373
15.	Geoff Hampson, Las Vegas NV	1366
16.	Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC	1351
17.	Jim Krekorian, New York NY	1318
18.	Reanette Frobouck, Pittsburgh PA	1316
19.	Jim Looby, Burbank CA	1291
20.	John Onstott, New Orleans LA	1291
21.	Chuck Said, Nashville TN	1272
22.	Eddie Wold, Houston TX	1259
23.	Ken Cohen, Philadelphia PA	1256
24.	Allan Graves, Barnet VT	1254
25.	Larry Cohen, Boca Raton FL	1251
26.	John Russell, North Barrington IL	1206
27.	Mark Lair, Canyon TX	1197
28.	Michael Seamon, Hollywood FL	1196
29.	Melanie Tucker, New York NY	1196
30.	Chris Moll, Lavonia GA	1177
31.	Greg House, S San Fran CA	1176
32.	Bruce Ferguson, Boise ID	1159
33.	Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD	1154
34.	Alan Stout, Mountain Home AR	1126
35.	Donald Stack, Overland Park KS	1116
36.	Justin Lall, New York NY	1107
37.	Richard Helams Jr., West Monroe LA	1076
38.	Sheila Gabay, Newton MA	1069
39.	Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA	1047
40.	Linda Smith, Hixson TN	1041
41.	Steve Weinstein, Andes NY	1037
42.	Melih Ozdil, Astoria NY	1035
43.	Dan Morse, Houston TX	1033
44.	Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA	1032
45.	Ron Smith, Hixson TN	1032
46.	Robert Morris, Houston TX	1032
47.	Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane, Poland	1028
48.	Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV	1026
49.	Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC	1011
50.	Ellen Anten, Encino CA	996
51.	Les Bart, Bradenton FL	988
52.	Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	980
53.	Greg Hinze, San Antonio TX	978

QUALIFIERS IN THE KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS

56 Tables / Based on 120 Tables

		Carryover
1	Carolyn Lynch, Scottsdale AZ; Mike Passell - Curtis Cheek, Las Vegas NV; Joe Grue, New York NY; Eddie Wold, Houston TX; Bart Bramley, Dallas TX	89.47
2	Robert Hampton, Blythewood SC; Gavin Wolpert - John Hurd, New York NY; Ron Pachtmann, Kfar Saba 44 Israel; Eldad Ginossar, Moshav Zofit Israel; Joel Wooldridge, Glenside PA	84.33
3	Alan Applebaum, Brookline MA; Larry Bausher, West Haven CT; James Streisand, Sudbury MA; Steve Becker, Old Greenwich CT; Melvin Marcus, Waltham MA	82.87
4/5	Hjordis Eythorsdottir, Huntsville AL; Hemant Lall, Dallas TX; Robert Lebi, Toronto ON; Lynn Deas, Schenectady NY	80.67
4/5	Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein, New York NY; Terje Aa, Heimdal Norway; Joergen Molberg, Trondheim Norway	80.67
6/7	Mickie Chambers, Atlanta GA; Tim Crank, Cincinnati OH; Nadine Wood, Silver Spring MD; Arnie Frankel, Laurel MD	79.20
6/7	Mary Ann Berg, Atherton CA; John Mohan, Huixquilucan Mexico; Huub Bertens, Tilburg Netherlands; Simon De Wijs, Doorn Netherlands; Bauke Muller, Hoorn Netherlands; Ton Bakkeren, Oisterwijk Netherlands	79.20
8	Melanie Tucker - Erez Hendelman, New York NY; Melih Ozdil, Astoria NY; Mark Lair, Canyon TX; Apolinary Kowalski, Warsaw Poland; Piotr Tuszyński, Warsaw Poland	78.47
9	David Maidman - Marin Marinov, New York NY; Rumen Trendafilov - Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria	77.73
10	Michael Moss, New York NY; Nicolas L'Ecuyer, Montreal QC; Tadashi Teramoto, Tokyo Japan; Dan Jacob, Vancouver BC	77.00
11	Allan Rothenberg, W Hartford CT; Richard DeMartino, Riverside CT; John Stiefel, Wethersfield CT; Glenn Eisenstein, New York NY; Zeke Jabbour, Boca Raton FL; Stephen Earl, Avon CT	76.27
12	Natalie Bassil, Boston MA; Roger Johnson, Sarasota FL; Stephanie Hamilton-Diesel, Saugus MA; Alan Frank, Arlington MA	75.53
13	John Sutherland, Dallas TX; Ron Gerard, White Plains NY; Mark Feldman, Hoboken NJ; Dan Gerstman, Buffalo NY	73.33
14	Chris Moll, Lavonia GA; Ellis Feigenbaum, Petah Tikva 493 Israel; Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC; Jo Morse, Palm Bch Gdns FL; Haig Tchamitch, Scottsdale AZ; James Gordon, S Burlington VT	72.60
15	Jacek Jerzy Kalita, Warsaw Poland; Krzysztof Kotorowicz, Bialystok 15 Poland; Ron Zambonini, Nepean ON; Waldemar Frukacz, Gloucester ON	71.87
16/18	John McLaughlin, Melrose MA; Pat McDevitt, Brookline MA; Stephen Gladyszak, Chelsea MA; Lloyd Arvedon, Bedford MA; Mark Itabashi, Murrieta CA	71.13
16/18	Larry Mori, Clearwater FL; Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI; Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI; Kelley Hwang, New York NY; Kazuo K. Furuta, Kanagawa-Ken 21 Japan; Hiroki Yokoi, Tokyo Japan	71.13
16/18	Benito Garozzo - Lea Dupont, Palm Beach FL; Russell Samuel, Glen Cove NY; Sidney Brownstein, Santa Monica CA	71.13
19/22	Richard Ferrin, Washington DC; Eugene Kales, Arlington VA; Brenda Bryant, Ferndale MI; Diane Walker, Gaithersburg MD	70.40
19/22	Kitty Cooper, Fort Collins CO; Simon Kantor, Agawam MA; Murray Melton, Las Vegas NV; Steven Cooper, Ft Collins CO; Paul Bethe, New York NY; Wafik Abdou, Bakersfield CA	70.40
19/22	David Yang, Chicago IL; Jeff Fang, Arcadia CA; Hailong Ao, Herndon VA; Jian-Jian Wang, Clarksville MD	70.40
19/22	Kristen Swenson, Tuxedo Park NY; August Boehm - Donald Simmons - Juanita Simmons, New York NY	70.40
23/26	Grasia Yalman - Ali Yalman, Istanbul Turkey; Salvador Assael, Alsancak Turkey; Yalcin Atabey, Selomigesme Ist Turkey; Dundar Giftgioglu, Izmir Turkey	68.93
23/26	John Gassenheimer - Jill Fisch, Wynnewood PA; Randy Corn, Kirkland WA; Pam Stratton, Las Vegas NV	68.93
23/26	Norberto Bocchi, Barcelona Spain; Valentin Kovachev, Stony Brook NY; Rita Ellington, Traverse City MI; Robert Morris, Houston TX; Hansa Narasimhan, Los Altos Hills CA	68.93
23/26	Helene Bauman, Arlington VA; Ed Lazarus, Baltimore MD; David Stevenson, Wirral England; Paul Morris, Brooklyn NY	68.93
27/30	Mary Savko - Ellie Hanlon, Tequesta FL; Philip Sharpsteen, Jericho VT; Frank Hacker, Barre VT	68.20
27/30	Richard Wieland, Falls Church VA; Danijel Zenko, New York NY; Ann Cady, Roxbury CT; Harold Feldheim, Hamden CT; Mike Cappelletti Sr, Alexandria VA	68.20
27/30	Hendrik Sharples, Brush Prairie WA; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico; Arthur Weiss, Somerville MA; Richard Reitman, Los Gatos CA	68.20
27/30	Mark Aquino, Jamaica Plain MA; John McDermott, West Roxbury MA; Daniel Nussbaum, Cambridge MA; Frances Schneider - Bernard Schneider, Riverside CT	68.20
31	Ahmed Sorathia, Chino CA; Subba Ravipudi, Downey CA; Lowell Andrews, Huntington Bch CA; Mariko Kakimoto, Newport Beach CA	66.73

32/34	Abby Heitner, Wheaton MD; Chris Benson, Le Roy IL; Lynne Feldman, Champaign IL; Susan Wexler, New York NY	66.00
32/34	Steve Beatty, Mill Creek WA; William Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Barry Schaffer, Frisco TX; Garey Hayden, Tucson AZ	66.00
32/34	Lin Chin Liu, Chestnut Hill MA; Albert Hsiao, Brookline MA; Alan Sze, North Point Hong Kong; Abby Chiu, Hong Kong People's Republic of China	66.00
35/37	Fred King, Falls Church VA; Lyle Poe Jr, Ellicott City MD; Brad Theurer, Gaithersburg MD; Thomas Carmichael - Jenni Carmichael, Kennesaw GA; Robert Bell, Washington DC	65.27
35/37	Solow NPC B Ekinci, New York NY; Bob Yellis, Bayside NY; Kutlu Unal - Mehmet Kordov, Bogota NJ	65.27
35/37	Jonathan Steinberg - Doug Baxter, Toronto ON; David Sabourin, Ottawa ON; Stephen Mackay, Markham ON	65.27
38/41	Walter Fontaine, North Providenc RI; Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Susan Culham - Maurice De La Salle - K Fung, Edmonton AB	64.53
38/41	James Priebe - Joan Priebe, Mississauga ON; E Davis, Ottawa ON; Robert Bambrick, Kingston ON	64.53
38/41	Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Mark Ralph, San Francisco CA; Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA	64.53
38/41	Helman, NPC P Alder, Hobe Sound FL; Richard Margolis, Melbourne FL; David Kendrick, Royston Herts England; Brian Senior, Nottingham England; Nigel Bird, London England; Jan Van Cleeff, Ah Den Haag 250 Netherlands	64.53
42/46	Christopher Cowan, Mississauga ON; Debbie Feldman, Oakville ON; Mark Liberman - Barbara Shnier, Toronto ON	63.80
42/46	Nobuko Matsubara - Kyoko Ohno, Tokyo Japan; Phoebe Lin, Taipei Taiwan; Chiyo Aihara, Fujisawa Japan	63.80
42/46	Jerry Clerkin - Dennis Clerkin, Bloomington IN; Jan Janitschke, Littleton CO; Garth Yettick, Denver CO	63.80
42/46	Dean Panagopoulos, Lynn MA; Abraham Pineles, Jackson NJ; Robert Woodard, Dover NH; Alexander Allen, Annandale NJ	63.80
42/46	John Kranyak - Laurie Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Peggy Kaplan, Minnetonka MN; Leslie Amoils, Toronto ON; Dick Yarrington, Seattle WA; Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	63.80
47/48	Marc-Andre Fourcaudot - J Robinson, Montreal QC; Martial Chagnon, Laval QC; Nick Krnjevic, Westmount QC	63.07
47/48	Jeffrey Miller, Naperville IL; Michael Kovacich, Stone Mountain GA; Paul Lavings, Double Bay N S Australia; Robert Krochmalik, Nsw Australia; Robert White, Raleigh NC; William Wickham, Los Angeles CA	63.07
49	Suzanne Cunningham, Medfield MA; Robert Bertoni, Haverhill MA; Joseph Cappannelli, Stoneham MA; Murthy Ayyagari, North Andover MA; P Drew Cannell, Dol-D-Ormeaux QC; Peter Manzoni, Waltham MA	62.33
50/56	Mike Develin, Mountain View CA; Li-Chung Chen, Cupertino CA; Joon Pahk, Cambridge MA; Leo Zelevinsky, Sharon MA; Eric Mayefsky, Palo Alto CA; Victor Chubukov, San Francisco CA	61.60
50/56	R Jay Becker, New York NY; David Siebert, Little Rock AR; Les Bart - Gloria Silverman Bart, Bradenton FL	61.60
50/56	Brenda Montague, Swampscott MA; Jay Cohodes, Sunrise FL; Sharon Meng-Horton, Dade City FL; Rahn Smith, Brandon FL; Bronia Jenkins, Vero Beach FL; Sylvia Moss, New York NY	61.60
50/56	James Forsyth, Glasgow United Kingdom; Susan Aitchison, Motherwell United Kingdom; Ian Patrick, Wishaw Scotland; Robert McKinnon, Paisley Scotland	61.60
50/56	Rozanne Pollack, Basking Ridge NJ; Susan Picus, New York NY; Suzy Burger, West Bloomfield MI; Sheri Winestock, Las Vegas NV; Martha Katz, Hinsdale IL; Lynne Schaeffer, W Bloomfield MI	61.60
50/56	Silverstein NPC Friedman, Flushing NY; Michael Rosen - Jane Dillenberg, New York NY; Jerry Goldberg, Yonkers NY	61.60
50/56	Lawrence Harding, Hampstead NC; John Herriot, Los Angeles CA; Chieni Liao, New York NY; Bruce Neiger, Merrick NY	61.60

Barry Crane Top 500 continued

54.	Anne Dawson, Delhi LA	975
55.	Rick Kaye, Bingham Farms MI	968
56.	Leonard Melander, West Bloomfield MI	956
57.	Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY	937
58.	Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA	937
59.	Norman Coombs, Brookville IN	934
60.	Erez Hendelman, New York NY	932
61.	Kevin Bathurst, New York NY	926
62.	Robert Levin, Bronx NY	921
63.	Gloria Silverman Bart, Bradenton FL	909
64.	Vincent Demuy, Laval QC	908
65.	Cameron Doner, Richmond BC	895

CAPE COD MORNING COMPACT KO BRACKET 1

13 Tables		
14.93	1	G S Jade Barrett, Elk Point SD; Anne Dawson, Delhi LA; Robert Todd, Tallahassee FL; Jim Looby, Burbank CA
10.45	2	Greg House, S San Fran CA; Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; James Melville, Springfield IL; Joshua Stark, Grayslake IL
6.72	3	Bruce Reeve, Raleigh NC; Andrew Vinock, Woodland Hills CA; Ellen Anten, Encino CA; Chris Moll, Lavonia GA
5.23	4	Kirk Elyakin - Marilyn Elyakin, Monroe Twp NJ; Jennifer Nisenoff, Vienna VA; Dave DuBois, Westfield NJ

CAPE COD MORNING COMPACT KO BRACKET 2

9 Tables		
4.38	1	Jean La Traverse - Josette Levesque, Outremont QC; Richard Collette, Salab-de-Vall QC; Sebastien Lachance, Montreal QC
3.07	2	Lawrence Finch II - Wanda Finch, Maywood NJ; Bonnie Gariglio, Tampa FL; Ian Grant, Venice FL
1.97	3	Robert Hope, Provost AB; Claudette Hodgins, Dartmouth NS; J Darryl Pistone - Beryl Higgs, Halifax NS
1.53	4	Victor Lamoureux - Lynn Switzer, Dartmouth NS; James Stuart III, New York NY; Stephen Lynch, Maspeth NY

THURSDAY MIDNIGHT KO

16 Tables		
3.94	1	James Forsyth, Glasgow United Kingdom; Susan Aitchison, Motherwell United Kingdom; Catherine Ferguson, Killearn Scotland; Robert McKinnon, Paisley Scotland
2.76	2	Mark Levin, Quincy MA; Francine Bolduc, Everett MA; Sandra Rosenblum, Tampa FL; Stephen Lynch, Maspeth NY
1.58	3/4	Matthew Dyer, Dorchester MA; Doug Anderson, Quincy MA; Marc Sylvester, Edinboro PA; Stephen McDevitt, Medford MA
1.58	3/4	Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Richard Saval, Wayland MA; Gail Arnow, Cincinnati OH; Steve Reed, Arlington VA

REISINGER B-A-M TEAMS SECOND QUALIFYING SESSION

SECTIONS O Q		
1	Paul Hackett, Manchester England; Tom Hanlon, Dublin 6 Ireland; Tommy Garvey, Essex Cm145ww England; David Bakhshi, London England	17.50
2	Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland	17.00
3/5	Allen Kahn - Jeffrey Rothstein - Ira Herman, New York NY; David Rosenberg, Jackson Heights NY	15.00
3/5	Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; Bill Eisenberg, Perris CA; Sam Lev - Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard, New York NY	15.00
3/5	Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Marten Gustawsson - Johan Sylvan, Stockholm Sweden; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm 1 Sweden	15.00
6/8	James Cayne, New York NY; Michael Seamon, Hollywood FL; Alfredo Versace - Lorenzo Lauria - Fulvio Fantoni, Rome Italy; Claudio Nunes, Roma Italy	14.50
6/8	Krzysztof Kujawa - Jacek Poletylo, Lublin Poland; Piotr Kucharski, Radom Poland; Marek Wojcicki, Przemysl Poland	14.50
6/8	Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway	14.50
9/11	Daniela von Armin, D-68766 Hockenh Germany; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY	14.00
9/11	Amos Kaminski - Adrian Schwartz, New York NY; Yeshayahua Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Arno Hobart, Markham ON	14.00
9/11	John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Krekorian - Chris Willenken - Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Gary Cohler, Miami FL	14.00
SECTIONS P R		
1	Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD	19.00
2	Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Michael Becker - Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Dublin CA	17.50
3	Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma Italy; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Espen Lindquist, Trondheim	16.50
4/5	Robert Heitzman Jr, Suffern NY; Jonathan Weinstein, Princeton NJ; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Xiaodong Shi, Naperville IL	16.00
4/5	Roy Welland - Brian Glubok, New York NY; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA	16.00
6/8	Rhoda Habert, Montreal QC; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC; Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB; G. Margie Gwozdziński, New York NY; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN; Lou Reich, Wheaton MD	15.00
6/8	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Russell Ekeblad, Providence RI; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Louk Verhees, 2215 SH Voorhou Netherlands	15.00
6/8	Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Gunnar Hallberg, Brighton United Kingdom; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm 112 Sweden; Fu Zhong, Beijing China; Zhao Jie, Tianjin China	15.00
9	Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland	14.50
10/11	Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Jared Lilienstein - Barry Rigal, New York NY; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; John Solodar, Palm Beach Gdns FL	14.00
10/11	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Krzysztof Martens, Rzeszow 35- Poland; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA	14.00

European Championships Open to all comers in 2009

A fourth edition of the European Open Bridge Championships is scheduled for Sanremo, Italy, June 12-27 next year. Sanremo is a resort community on the Italian Riviera not far from Monaco.

The European championships were first opened to all players in 2003, in Menton, France, not far from the Sanremo venue. Two other tournaments – in Tenerife, Canary Islands, and Antalya, Turkey – attracted many stars from around the world.

The tournament will be run on a typical European schedule: Most events are played in a longer, single session starting about 10:30 a.m., leaving evenings free for dining and other activities. All events are transnational and there are no restrictions on the number of entries per national bridge organization.

The scheduled events are Mixed Teams; Mixed Pairs; Open, Women's and Senior Teams, and Open, Women's and Senior Pairs, with cash prizes for overall finishers. Players entering four events receive a 25% discount on the entry fees.

The hotels, including one five-star and two four-star properties, will offer a special bridge rate for tournament participants.

The Palafiore Convention Center, a converted flower market, is a modern facility that is fully air conditioned, as are the host hotels.

Sanremo is a half hour's drive from Monaco, where one of the world's most famous casinos is located. Also within easy driving distance is Genova (Genoa), and Milano is relatively close.

For more information, including registration, you can e-mail eb1@federbridge.it.

QUALIFIERS IN THE REISINGER B-A-M TEAMS

28 Tables

1	Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Gunnar Hallberg, Brighton United Kingdom; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm 112 Sweden; Fu Zhong, Beijing People's Republic of China; Zhao Jie, Tianjin People's Republic of China	33.00
2	Roy Welland - Brian Glubok, New York NY; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA	32.50
3/5	Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Michael Becker - Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Dublin CA	32.00
3/5	Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland	32.00
3/5	Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; Bill Eisenberg, Perris CA; Sam Lev - Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard, New York NY	32.00
6	John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Krekorian - Chris Willenken - Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Gary Cohler, Miami FL	31.50
7/9	Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR 43100 Italy; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Espen Lindquist, Trondheim	31.00
7/9	Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway	31.00
7/9	Steve Robinson, Arlington VA; Kit Woolsey, Kensington CA; Fred Stewart, Bloomington NY; Peter Boyd, Darnestown MD	31.00
10/11	Daniela von Arnim, Hockenh Germany; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY	30.50
10/11	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Russell Ekeblad, Providence RI; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Louk Verhees, 2215 SH Voorhou Netherlands	30.50
12	Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Jared Lilienstein - Barry Rigal, New York NY; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; John Solodar, Palm Beach Gdns FL	30.00
13/15	Paul Hackett, Manchester England; Tom Hanlon, Dublin 6 Ireland; Tommy Garvey, Essex Cm145ww England; David Bakhshi, London England	29.50
13/15	Allen Kahn - Jeffrey Rothstein - Ira Herman, New York NY; David Rosenberg, Jackson Heights NY	29.50
13/15	Robert Heitzman Jr, Suffern NY; Jonathan Weinstein, Princeton NJ; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Xiaodong Shi, Naperville IL	29.50
16/18	Amos Kaminski - Adria Schwartz, New York NY; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Arno Hobart, Markham ON	29.00
16/18	William Pettis - William Cole, Silver Spring MD; Frederick Allenspach, Plantation FL; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA	29.00
16/18	Nick Nickell - Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX	29.00
19/20	John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Geoff Hampson - Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA; Brad Moss, Mill Valley CA	28.50
19/20	Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Marten Gustawsson - Johan Sylvan, Stockholm Sweden; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm Sweden	28.50
21/23	George Jacobs - Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt; Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY	27.00
21/23	Rhoda Habert, Montreal QC; Michael Gamble, Shawnigan Lake BC; Piotr Klimowicz, Edmonton AB; G. Margie Gwozdzinsky, New York NY; Mike Cappelletti, Hixson TN; Lou Reich, Wheaton MD	27.00
21/23	Paul Lewis - Linda Lewis, Sioux Falls SD; Krzysztof Martens, Rzeszow Poland; Krzysztof Jassem, Puszczykoud Poland; Neil Chambers, Schenectady NY; John Schermer, Seattle WA	27.00
24/26	Irina Levitina, Hackensack NJ; Ilya Levitin, Emerson NJ; Alex Ornstein, Roslyn Heights NY; Gail Greenberg, New York NY	26.50
24/26	David Gold, Reading Great Britain; Andrew McIntosh, London England; Sarah Dunn, London United Kingdom; David Ewart, London England	26.50
24/26	Krzysztof Kujawa - Jacek Poetylo, Lublin Poland; Piotr Kucharski, Radom Poland; Marek Wojcicki, Przemysl Poland	26.50
27	Daniel Zagorin, Skokie IL; Michael Lawrence, Brentwood TN; Jason Feldman, San Diego CA; Nikolay Demirev, Arlington Hts IL	26.33
28	Richard Schwartz, East Elmhurst NY; Drew Casen, Las Vegas NV; Bjorn Fallenius, New York NY; Peter Fredin, Malmo Sweden; Piotr Gawrys, Warsaw Poland; Marcin Lesniewski, Zakopane Poland	26.00



THURSDAY-FRIDAY AFT/EVE SIDE SERIES

58.50 Tables / Based on 22 Tables

7.84	1/2	Karl Zaman, N Royalton OH	126.51%
7.84	1/2	Eileen Grady, Burlington ON	126.51%
5.24	3/4	Samantha Reid, Mississauga ON	122.79%

5.24	3/4	Bruce Hunter Reid, Mississauga ON	122.79%
4.25	5	Sandra Rosenblum, Tampa FL	116.90%
2.73	6/7	Laura Midgley, Irvington, NY	110.58%
2.73	6/7	C Edward Midgley, Irvington NY	110.58%

THURSDAY-SATURDAY MORNING SIDE SERIES 2ND SESSION

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99ER NATIONAL PAIRS 1ST SESSION

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5					
6					

FRIDAY MORNING 50/150/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		
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SECTION XX			EAST-WEST		
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LAKE WINNISQUAM DAYLIGHT PAIRS 2ND SESSION

SECTION OO			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
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NORTH-SOUTH		
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SECTION PP			EAST-WEST		
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NORTH-SOUTH		
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BRETTON WOODS SENIOR PAIRS 2ND SESSION

SECTION JJ			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
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NORTH-SOUTH		
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SECTION KK			EAST-WEST		
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3	2				
4	3	2			
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NORTH-SOUTH		
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LAKE WINNISQUAM DAYLIGHT 2ND SESSION

SECTION OO			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
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5	4	1			
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NORTH-SOUTH		
A	B	C
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3	3	
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4/5	2	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE GAME FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

SECTION BB			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
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2	1				
3	2				
4	3	1			
		4			
		2			

NORTH-SOUTH		
A	B	C
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3	2	2
4	3	
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SECTION CC			EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1					
2	1				
3	2	1			
4	3	2			
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REISINGER B-A-M TEAMS FIRST QUALIFYING SESSION

SECTIONS O Q					
1	Jim Mahaffey, Winter Park FL; Gunnar Hallberg, Brighton United Kingdom; Peter Bertheau, Taby Sweden; Fredrik Nystrom, Stockholm, Sweden; Fu Zhong, Beijing China; Zhao Jie, Tianjin				18.00
2	Connie Goldberg, Merion Station PA; Bill Eisenberg, Perris CA; Sam Lev - Robert Blanchard - Shane Blanchard, New York NY				17.00
3/4	Daniela von Armin, D-68766 Hockenh Germany; Sabine Auken, Charlottenlund Denmark; Debbie Rosenberg - Michael Rosenberg, New Rochelle NY				16.50
3/4	Roy Welland - Brian Glubok, New York NY; Steve Garner, Chicago IL; Howard Weinstein, Sarasota FL; Billy Cohen, Sherman Oaks CA; Ron Smith, San Francisco CA				16.50
5	Martin Fleisher, New York NY; Michael Kamil, Holmdel NJ; Russell Ekeblad, Providence RI; Peter Weichsel, Encinitas CA; Jan Jansma, Malden Netherlands; Louk Verhees, Voorhou Netherlands				15.50
6	John Diamond, Boca Raton FL; Geoff Hampson - Fred Gitelman, Las Vegas NV; Eric Greco, Philadelphia PA; Brad Moss, Mill Valley CA				15.00
7/9	Allen Kahn - Jeffrey Rothstein - Ira Herman, New York NY; David Rosenberg, Jackson Heights NY				14.50
7/9	Manuel Capucho, Leboa Portugal; Maria Capucho, Esboa Portugal; Antonio Palma, Erora Portugal; Joad Barbosa, Porfo Portugal				14.50
7/9	Aubrey Strul, Delray Beach FL; Michael Becker - Larry Cohen - David Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL; Chip Martel, Davis CA; Lew Stansby, Dublin CA				14.50
10/14	Martin De Knijff, Las Vegas NV; Marten Gustawsson - Johan Sylvan, Stockholm Sweden; Frederic Wrang, Stockholm 1 Sweden				13.50
10/14	Drew Becker - Claude Vogel - Kenneth Zuckerberg, Chicago IL; Jason Rosenfeld, Stoneham MA; Sangarapil Mohan, Oak Brook IL; Daniel Wilderman, Brooklyn NY				13.50
10/14	Rick Roeder, San Diego CA; Ari Greenberg, San Francisco CA; Stephen Goldstein, Huntington Bch CA; Rich Rothwarf, Philadelphia PA				13.50
10/14	Arch McKellar, Dobbs Ferry NY; Warren Rosner, White Plains NY; Allan Stauber, Palm Bch Grdns FL; Lewis Finkel, Jupiter FL				13.50
10/14	Robert Heitzman Jr, Suffern NY; Jonathan Weinstein, Princeton NJ; Jiang Gu, Mountain Lakes NJ; Xiaodong Shi, Naperville IL				13.50
SECTIONS P R					
1	Nick Nickell - Zia Mahmood, New York NY; Richard Freeman, Atlanta GA; Jeff Meckstroth, Tampa FL; Eric Rodwell, Clearwater Bch FL; Bob Hamman, Dallas TX				18.00
2	John Onstott, New Orleans LA; Jim Krekorian - Chris Willenken - Migry Zur Campanile, New York NY; Chris Compton, Dallas TX; Gary Cohler, Miami FL				17.50
3	Rose Meltzer, Los Gatos CA; Kyle Larsen, San Francisco CA; Alan Sontag, Gaithersburg MD; Roger Bates, Mesa AZ; Geir Helgemo, Trondheim Ca Norway; Tor Helness, Oslo Norway				16.50
4	Glenn Milgrim, Forest Hills NY; Jeff Aker, Briarcliff NY; Jared Lilienstein - Barry Rigal, New York NY; Jacek Pszczola, Chapel Hill NC; John Solodar, Palm Beach Gdns FL				16.00
5	William Pettis - William Cole, Silver Spring MD; Frederick Allenspach, Plantation FL; Ai-Tai Lo, Reston VA				15.50
6/7	Andrew Gromov - Aleksander Dubinin, Moscow Russia; Adam Zmudzinski, Katowice 40-479 Poland; Cezary Balicki, Smolec Poland				15.00
6/7	Amos Kaminski - Adrian Schwartz, New York NY; Yeshayahu Levit, Tel-Aviv Israel; George Mittelman, Toronto ON; Arno Hobart, Markham ON				15.00
8	Lou Ann O'Rourke, Scottsdale AZ; Marc Jacobus, Las Vegas NV; Giorgio Duboin, Torino Italy; Antonio Sementa, Parma PR Italy; Boye Brogeland, Norway; Espen Lindquist, Trondheim				14.50
9/11	David Gold, Reading R Great Britain; Andrew McIntosh, London Wc England; Sarah Dunn, London United Kingdom; David Ewart, London England				13.50
9/11	George Jacobs - Ralph Katz, Hinsdale IL; Tarek Sadek - Walid Elahmady, Cairo Egypt; Robert Levin, Bronx NY; Steve Weinstein, Andes NY				13.50
9/11	Jon Baldursson, Hafnarfjordur Iceland; Eric Smith, Roma Italy; John Carruthers, Toronto ON; Per Olof Sundelin, Stockholm Sweden				13.50

99ER NATIONAL PAIRS 2ND SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION ZZ	EAST-WEST		
1	Stephen Drodge, McLean VA; Andrew Rodriguez, Annandale VA	61.74%	1	Rishabh Singh, Cambridge MA; Eugene Chung, San Francisco CA	60.23%
2	Constance Van Ditzhuyzen, Stouffville ON; Debbie Stavro, Toronto ON	56.63%	2	Marguerite Verani, Scottsdale AZ; Lisa Tender, Wellesley MA	60.04%
3	Brenda Thomas, Columbia MD; Steven Nesseler, Silver Spring MD	54.73%	3	Sandra Naber - John Naber, Victoria BC	59.28%
4	Corinne Wittmer, Arlington MA; Jack Chu, Cambridge MA	54.36%	4	Ira Cooper - Catherine Cooper, Woburn MA	57.39%
5	Arleen Mednick - Ralph Mednick, Peabody MA	53.60%	5	Lee Corbett - Ross Lieb-Lappen, Winoski VT	55.49%
6	Mary Goodman - Nancy Spencer, Halifax NS	52.08%	6	Mary Kelley - Paul Kelley, Plymouth MA	54.36%

FRIDAY 100/200/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION XX	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1
1/2	1/2	1	2	1	1
3	3	2	3	2	2
4/5	4/5	1	4/5	3/4	1
4/5	4/5	1	4/5	3/4	1

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 5/20/50 PAIRS ONLY SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION WW	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	2	2	1
2	2	1			

LOON MOUNTAIN STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS AFTERNOON SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION EE	EAST-WEST		
A	B	A	B		
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	1	1	1
3	1	3/4	3/4	1	1
4	1	3/4	3/4	1	1
5	2	5	2	1	1
6	2	6	2	1	1
7	3	7	3	1	1
4	4				
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION FF	EAST-WEST		
A	B	A	B		
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	1	1	1
3	3	3	1	1	1
4	4	4	1	1	1
5	5	5	2	1	1
6	3	6	2	1	1
4	4				

LILAC PAIRS AFTERNOON SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION GG	EAST-WEST		
7	3	7	3		
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	1	1	1
3	2	3	1	1	1
4	2	4	1	1	1
5	2	5	1	1	1
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION HH	EAST-WEST		
7	3	7	3		
1	1	1	1	1	1
2/3	1	2	1	1	1
2/3	1	3	1	1	1
4	1	4	1	1	1
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BRETTON WOODS SENIOR PAIRS SECOND SESSION

NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION JJ	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	2	1	1
3	1	3	1	1	1
4	2	4	3	1	1
3	3	4	4	1	1
1	1	4	2	1	1
2	2	5	2	1	1
5	2/3				
2/3	2/3				
NORTH-SOUTH		SECTION KK	EAST-WEST		
A	B	C	A	B	C
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2	1	2	1	1	1
3	2	3	1	1	1
4	3	4	2	1	1
			3	1	1

NORTH-SOUTH			FRIDAY EVENING 50/100/300 PAIRS ONLY SESSION			SECTION V EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1	1	1	Stephen Drodge, McLean VA; Andrew Rodriguez, Annandale VA	62.63%	1			Charles Gaeth, Benicia CA; Alexandra Di Chiara, Fernandina Beac FL	54.35%
2			Diana Drisko, Saint Louis MO; Rob Kelly, Defiance MO	55.18%	2			David Ganz, Novato CA; Christine Pope, Toronto CD	53.87%
3			Sheila Long, Lyndonville VT; Karen Kristiansen, West Burke VT	53.40%	3	1		Carole Cushing - Katherine Kane, Boston MA	52.98%
4	2		Steven Nesseler, Silver Spring MD; Brenda Thomas, Columbia MD	52.30%	4	2	1	Francis Pantuso - Marta Escobar, Manchester NH	52.93%
		2	William Hees, Lexington MA; Mary Ann Haas, Concord MA	50.31%		3		Elizabeth Baud - Edward Baud, Lynnfield MA	52.26%
							2	Winifred Bush - Jagdish Agarwal, Concord MA	48.98%
NORTH-SOUTH			LOON MOUNTAIN STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS 2ND SESSION			SECTION EE EAST-WEST			
A	B			A	B				
1			Thomas Rozinski, Jackson Heights NY; Grigoriy Blekherman, Brooklyn NY	56.89%	1			Wayne Burt, Pembroke NH; Geoffrey Phipps, Manchester NH	64.90%
2	1		Z Kadah, Los Gatos CA; Robert Lass, Chicago IL	56.41%	2	1		Kenneth Moss, Tillson NY; Roberto Azank, New Paltz NY	60.10%
3			Robert Boudreau, Mashpee MA; Paul Boudreau, Lomita CA	55.93%	3			Christopher Apitz - Ellen Dilbert, Waltham MA	55.13%
4			Jamie Ingolia, Cambridge MA; Patricia Lozano, San Antonio TX	53.69%	4			Rena Lieberman, North Easton MA; Haven Sharaf, Danvers MA	53.69%
5	2		Robert Pezzack - Shirley Wright, Toronto ON	53.21%	5	2		Sandy Stowe, Westwood MA; Stephen Robbins, Kittery ME	52.24%
6	3		Bill Begert - Ryan Connors, New York NY	52.88%	6			Elaine Ware, Vernon BC; Marshall Kuschner, Reston VA	51.12%
7	4		Joyce McMonagle, Cordova TN; Janet Garthe, Suttons Bay MI	52.40%	7			Nathan Glasser, Somerville MA; Buddhadeb Biswas, Lexington MA	49.36%
						3		R Muggia, Andover MA; Maureen Johnson, Nashua NH	48.40%
						4		Odette Zigelboim, Weston MA; Steve Hamaoui, Milono 02 Italy	48.24%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION FF EAST-WEST						
A	B			A	B				
1			Frank Treiber III - Diane Travis, Cincinnati OH	59.74%	1			Marie Wiley - Dwight Bender, London ON	67.75%
2			Joseph Seo, Somerville MA; Amnon Gabay, Newton MA	59.54%	2			Carolyn Sessler, Boca Raton FL; Edward Scolnick, Wayland MA	54.97%
3			Stan Ryckman, Somerville MA; Ram Hira, North Vancouver BC	59.09%	3			Ann Baum, Newton MA; Steven Groag, Rehoboth MA	54.68%
4			Frank Blachowski, Windsor Locks CT; David Kowarsky, Longmeadow MA	56.50%	4	1		Protima Johnston, Markham ON; Raja Nag, Middlebury CT	53.38%
5			Terry Jones, Falls Church VA; Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA	53.49%	5			W Peter Crossley, East Falmouth MA; Bernard Garbose, Worcester MA	52.09%
6	1		Janice L Wild - Kate Aker, Briarcliff NY	52.85%	6	2		Michael Sattinger - Ulla Sattinger, Slingerlands NY	50.36%
7	2		David Tuttle - Nancy Tuttle, Reading MA	52.75%	7	3		David Donald, Vineyard Haven MA; Barbara Grzegorzewski, Meadville PA	49.27%
NORTH-SOUTH			LILAC PAIRS 2ND SESSION			SECTION GG EAST-WEST			
A	B			A	B				
1	3		Nancy Maidman - Dean Leslie, New York NY	61.55%	1	1		Paul Tierney - Peggy Tierney, Needham Heights MA	60.04%
2			Richard Thorne - Robert Hassserjian, Manchester NH	57.20%	2			Peter Clark - Jess Jurkovic, New York NY	59.66%
3			Otto Kaes, Saugus MA; John Galaris, Salem MA	54.92%	3			Keith Sawyer, Buxton ME; Howard O'Brien III, Harpswell ME	54.17%
4			John Banker, Nashua NH; Allen Post, Wayland MA	54.17%	4	2		Dan Haggett, Framingham MA; Gary Peterson, Marlboro MA	51.33%
5	1		Sally Kellar, Willowdale ON; Herbert Heller, Pittsburgh PA	51.70%	5			Mary Ellen Lemieux, E Longmeadow MA; Betty Fulton, Birmingham AL	49.81%
6	2		Robert Stoddard - Cynthia Kelly, Wellesley MA	46.97%	6	3		Jill Hunter - Matthew Fienberg, Northborough MA	48.86%
NORTH-SOUTH			SECTION HH EAST-WEST						
A	B			A	B				
1			Martine Kellett, Danvers MA; Eva Sacharuk, Wenham MA	64.02%	1			Barbara McLagan, Sudbury MA; William Hicks, Wayland MA	57.58%
2			Amanda Jeger, Frankfurt Am Ma Germany; Estera Lisker, East Quogue NY	62.12%	2			Waheed Din, Elmsford NY; Ejaz Qureshi, Scarsdale NY	56.25%
3			Joe DeCosta, North Andover MA; John Dickenson, North Wales PA	58.14%	3	1		Jill Thompson - Leonard Wells, Toronto ON	55.87%
4	1		Ann Johnson, Marlborough MA; Michael Monroe, Brookline MA	56.82%	4	2		James Keegan, Cambridge MA; Mary Jo Feeney, Jamaica Plain MA	54.73%
5			J Darryl Pistone - David Chipman, Halifax NS	56.63%	5			Louis Di Orto - Megan DiOrto, Providence RI	53.98%
6	2		Robert Larkin, Bedford NH; Deirdre Ling, West Tisbury MA	47.54%	6	5			
NORTH-SOUTH			THURSDAY-FRIDAY AFT/EVE SIDE SERIES 4th SESSION			SECTION JJ EAST-WEST			
A	B	C		A	B	C			
1			Lev Seviyan, Yerevan 0001 ; Eduard Vardapetyan, Yerevan	65.22%	1			Carleton Lett - Ira Ewen, New York NY	59.62%
2	1		Karl Zaman, N Royalton OH; Eileen Grady, Burlington ON	63.78%	2			Greg House, S San Fran CA; Matthew Mallory, San Diego CA	57.21%
3	2		Malcolm Barker, Chalfont St Gil Great Britain; Victoria Gregory, Pittsburg KS	61.06%	3	1		Bruce Hunter Reid - Samantha Reid, Mississauga ON	54.65%
4	3		Judith Bussell - Jean Johnson, Devonshire Bermuda	59.78%	4	2	1	Michael Berkowitz, Winston Salem NC; Dana Berkowitz, Boca Raton FL	53.04%
5			Yoon Kim, San Diego CA; Yas Takeda, Hacienda Hgts CA	57.37%	5	3		Robert Lavery - Pamela Kirkner, Long Beach CA	51.28%
6	4		Rita Gross, Cheltenham PA; Philip Nymman, Weston MA	57.21%	6	4	2	Daniel Groves - Gregory Udell, Bloomington IN	50.96%
		5	Judith Chaice, White Plains NY; Percy Wu, Grand Rapids MI	54.81%		5		Terry Oleske, New York NY; Eva Graczyk, Forest Hills NY	50.80%
		1	Rita Ziegler, West Caldwell NJ; Jeanne Epstein, Florham Park NJ	51.60%			3	Jim Canty, Berkeley CA; Gretchen Smith, Piedmont CA	48.72%
		2	Gloria Monosson, Newton MA; Dorothy Sternburg, Boston MA	44.71%					

TOMORROW'S BRIDGE EVENTS

New England Day

Sunday, November 30, 10 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session	ACBL members**	Other
Yawkey Way Strati-Flighted A/X & B/C/D Swiss Teams	Play-through	Marriott Ballroom F, 4th Floor	\$15.50		\$17.50
Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	3rd single session	Marriott Ballroom G, 4th Floor	\$15.50		\$17.50
Historic New England Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50		\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50		\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50		\$14.50

Sunday, November 30, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

District 25 Stratified Open Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom G, 4th Floor	\$15.50		\$17.50
Battle of Bennington Saturday-Sunday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Marriott Ballroom G, 4th Floor	\$15.50		\$17.50

Sunday, November 30, 11 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

New England Patriots Stratified Open Swiss Teams		Westin America Ballroom, 4th Floor	\$15.50		\$17.50
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Eight 7-board matches.

Sunday, November 30, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 F	Westin Essex Ballroom, 3rd Floor	\$18		—
BILL KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 F	Westin America Ballroom, 4th Floor	\$18		—

Sunday, November 30, 2 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	4th single session	Marriott Ballroom G, 4th Floor	\$15.50		\$17.50
Historic New England Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50		\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50		\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50		\$14.50

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TODAY'S BRIDGE EVENTS

See page 2 for other events

Vermont Day

Saturday, November 29, 9 a.m.

Event	Session	Sold	Entry/player/session ACBL members**	Other
Granite State Friday-Saturday Morning Bracketed Compact Knockout Teams	3-4 single	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50 \$15.50	\$17.50 \$17.50
Smuggler's Notch Stratified Swiss Teams Thursday-Saturday Morning Side Game Series	3rd single session	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50

Saturday, November 29, 10 a.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$14.50

Saturday, November 29, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Abenaki Stratified Daylight Open Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom G, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Green Mountain Boys Stratified Senior Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom G, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50

Saturday, November 29, 1 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	1st single session	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
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Saturday, November 29, 1 & 7:30 p.m.

REISINGER BOARD-A-MATCH TEAMS	1-2 SF	Westin America Ballroom, 4th Floor	\$18	—
BILL KEOHANE NORTH AMERICAN SWISS TEAMS	1-2 SF	Westin Essex Ballroom, 3rd Floor	\$18	—
George D. Aiken Strati-Flighted A/X and B/C/D Pairs	1-2	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Battle of Bennington Saturday-Sunday Bracketed Knockout Teams <i>Continues Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.</i>	1-2	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Franconia Notch Friday-Saturday Bracketed Knockout Teams	3-4	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Long Trail Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams	1-4	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50

Saturday, November 29, 3 p.m.

299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$14.50

Saturday, November 29, 7:30 p.m.

Foresight Imaging Stratified Swiss Teams	single	Marriott Exhibit Hall, 3rd Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
Saturday-Sunday Side Game Series	2nd single session	Marriott Ballroom E, 4th Floor	\$15.50	\$17.50
Vermont Granite Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
299er, 199er, 99er & 49er Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$16.50
0-20, 0-5 Pairs	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$14.50	\$14.50

Saturday, November 29, 11:30 p.m.

Zip Knockout Teams	single	Marriott Ballroom H, 4th Floor	\$12/team/match	
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